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Tribes host 64th annual National Land and Range Judging contest

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The morning of May 7 the skies were blue, after days of cloudy rainy conditions in Oklahoma and tornadoes just the day before. But land judges from Oklahoma State University (OSU) and the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NCRS) were busily placing out markers for the anticipated arrival of over 1,000 FFA and 4-A students from across the country for the 64th annual National Land and Range Judging Contest held on Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' land in Concho, Okla.

OSU Soil and Water conservation Extension Specialist, Jason Warren is an 'old hand' at the contest, now helping to run the contest, he himself, was a contestant many years when in high school

"The kids learn how to assess the texture, depth and erosion of the soil and the slope of the soil as well as the general land condition. The land contest is to assess the agricultural capability of the land and to provide conservation practice recommendations. And then there is also a home site contest where they use the same assessment to determine the feasibility of the land for house constructions, septic systems or lagoons or lawn and landscape care," Warren said. "It's a really valuable program in where students can learn the basic characteristics, both chemical and physical aspects of the soil and how it affects the productivity and the land use. It's a very useful set of tools for anybody."

Warren said they were waiting upon the arrival of approximately 1,000 students from 34 different states stretching from Hawaii to New England and from Oregon to Florida.

"We have held this contest here in Oklahoma for 64 years. Land judging originated in Oklahoma. As it developed, it evolved into a national contest, but originally started out as a state contest only. The Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts is the primary host of it, then Oklahoma State University, the Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the NRCS from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas," Warren said.

Contestants arrived on site in a caravan of mini vans, SUVs and buses. As they made their way across the field towards the beginning point of registration, one student from Vian, Okla., stood holding his clipboard ready to start.

"This is my fourth year. We determine the slope, erosion and other aspects of the soil, fill out the forms of what we find and turn it in. I attend Vian High School and it's my hope to someday work in the agricultural field and this contest is my chance to be recognized on a national level," Dillon Were, Vian High School student said.

Contestants must first qualify in their home state to be eligible to compete in Oklahoma at the national level. The contest consists of

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Young scientists showcase projects at inaugural Science Fair

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

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From l-r: Anna Littleraven, 9, from Geary Elementary shows off her "Bristlebots" experiment, James Shawnee, 11, from Geary Elementary demonstrates the science behind Oklahoma's famous tornadoes, Brianna Bear, 11, from Canyon Ridge Elementary displays her interactive experiment on quicksand, and Kiyah Four Horns, 10, from Canton Middle School breaks down the chances of finding your favorite colored M&M in the next bag you open. Their projects were judged on May 9, 2015 at the Department of Education's Inaugural Science and Technology Fair.

Albert Einstein. Nikola Tesla. Thomas Edison. Not only were these scientists responsible for changing the world, all came from humble beginnings in small towns proving that innovative minds can blossom from anywhere.

An impressive gathering of young innovative minds came together at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Department of Education Technology Science Fair on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Elementary and middle school students from surrounding school districts spent weeks working on projects from the ever-present volcano to statistical analysis and balloon powered cars. There were 15 participants in all, and 11 projects from Canton, Geary, El Reno, Mustang and Darlington schools.

The fair began on May 8, with an open house display and judging of the projects. Judges Mike Pierson and Pam Garner from Darlington, Carrie Lehi from C&A's Language Department and techJOYnt Founder and CEO, Ramier Shaik examined each project according to a detailed rubric to find first place winners from each grade, and then interviewed each first place winner to determine the best in show winner.

Commenting on the significance of the science fair, Lehi said, "It's vitally important. If one kid gets inspired by a science fair project, they could become a leader and change the world someday."

The young scientists milled about before the awards ceremony, demonstrating their experiments and fielding questions about their future goals from the parents and educators attending.

Expert judge Shaik, who teaches physics at the University of Central Oklahoma as well, was happy to be there to encourage students to keep up their scientific studies and never lose their curiosity about the world. His organization techJOYnt, an Oklahoma company devoted to improving science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education, does outreach to help groups in rural communities find grants and resources to improve their facilities and programs.

"Who knows? The next Einstein could come from a rural community," Shaik said. "We need to encourage them as much as possible."

Each participant earned a season pass to Frontier City and White Water Bay and the winners of each category are as follows: In fourth grade, participation awards went to 9 year-old Anna Littleraven from Geary Elementary for her "Bristlebots" experiment and 11 year-old James Shawnee from Geary Elementary for his "Tornado Bottle" experiment. Other participation awards went to Jaycie Bates (accepted by her brother Joshua) and Kionna Four Horns from Canton Middle School. First Place winner was 10 year-old Kiyah Four Horns from Canton Middle School for her "Statistics of an M&M Bag" project.

Talking about her winning project, Four Horns said she really enjoyed being surprised by the results of her project and hopes to be a teacher when she grows up.

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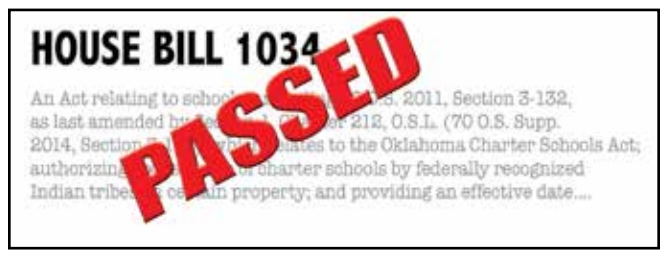
From l-r: Best in Show winner Bobbi Botone, 12, from Darlington Public School shows her interest in potential and kinetic energy with her balloon powered car experiment, Kionna Four Horns, 14, from Canton Middle School illustrates the ease of creating a stethoscope at home , Tyler Marshall, 12, Ashley Charley, 11, and Jada Garrett, 11, from Geary Middle School team up to talk about their "What Makes Ice Melt Faster" experiment and Samantha Paukei, 14, from Darlington Public School celebrates her love of math with her "Birthday Paradox" experiment.



Groundbreaking law changes tribal education

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

After a three-year battle, a bill authorizing federally recognized Indian tribes to sponsor charter schools on tribal property has passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives and was signed into effect by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin on Friday, May 1, 2015.

House Bill 1034, authored by House Representative Dan Kirby and Senator Kyle Loveless, authorizes federally recognized Indian tribes to sponsor charter schools on tribal property held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior. After one round of defeat in the House, the bill was introduced for reconsideration and passed, 25 to 19.

According to the Institute of Education Sciences, a charter school is a publicly funded school that is typically governed by a group or organization under a legislative contract (or charter) with the state or jurisdiction, and though it is exempt from certain state regulations, it is reviewed periodically to monitor its curriculum and management.

Therefore, the schools authorized into existence by Bill 1034 will be run through a partnership between Native American tribes and local school boards in Oklahoma. Before its passing, the only charter schools that tribes could be involved in were those that involved complete language immersion, yet required testing in English. Now, tribes can partner with local school boards in their area to set up charter schools with more say in the curriculum. Student enrollment would be at the discretion of the school board and charter school governing body, as well.

"Having charter schools on tribal lands will provide an option for Indian people in Oklahoma that was never afforded for tribes and nations," Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Governor Eddie Hamilton said in a press release.

Charter schools have been a hot topic in state legislation for the past few sessions. Last month, Gov. Fallin signed Senate Bill 782 into law, allowing school districts throughout the entire state to create charter schools. Prior to that bill, charter schools were confined to Oklahoma and Tulsa counties only, but now rural communities will see increased choices in education for their children.

"It's something that I think is a step in the right direction, to help education," Senator Loveless said. "The key here is how best to educate our children. A lot of times, local school boards

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From the Office of the Governor

Governor Eddie Hamilton is now taking nominations for vacant seats for Commissioners and vacant Board seats of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes. Below, marked in yellow, are vacant seats for which nominations can be made. To place a nomination or for more information call (405) 422-7506.

Commissioners/Boards	District	Term	Start Date	End Date
Health Board				
Allen Sutton	A1	3 years	Unknown	Unknown
Vacant	A2	3 years	Unknown	Unknown
Vacant	A3			
Vacant	A4			
Vacant	C1			
Mary Beaver	C2	2 years	Unknown	Unknown
Moses Starr, Jr.,	C3	3 years	Unknown	Unknown
Vacant	C4			
Gaming Commissions				
Sherry Mackay	Chair Commissioner	3 years	6/24/14	6/24/17
Clayton Prairiechief	Commissioner	2 years	6/22/12	6/22/14
Virgil Whiteshirt	Commissioner	1 year	4/16/13	4/16/14
Election Commissioners				
Stephanie Meat	A1	4 years		12/31/15
Kim Davis	A2	4 years		12/31/15
Vacant	A3	4 years		
Vacant	A4	4 years		
Sandra Hinshaw	C1	4 years		12/31/17
Georgia Woods	C2	4 years		12/31/15
Sharon Allrunner	C3	4 years		12/31/17
Sarah Orange	C4	4 years		12/31/15
Housing Board				
Leda Walkingnight		3 years	1/1/13	12/31/15
Judy Lime		3 years	1/1/12	12/31/14
Ruby Standing Water		3 years	1/1/12	12/31/14
Wilbur Goodblanket		3 years	1/1/11	12/31/13
Vacant		3 years	1/1/11	12/31/13
Tax Commissioners				
Kay Mackety	Chair/Treasurer		As long as in position of Treasurer	
Virgil Franklyn			None	None
Larry Roman Nose			None	None
Willard Kyrk			None	None
Vacant			None	None
Judicial Board				
Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
Vacant		4 years staggered		
RESPECT Board		None Established		
Vacant				
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Cheyenne & Arapaho Ceremony Assistance

The Culture and Heritage Program will now accept applications for the upcoming Cheyenne & Arapaho Ceremonies.

We will be assisting ONLY tribal members who will be participating in the ceremonies.

Applications can be faxed, emailed, mailed, or carried in at any hall.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. at the close of business on June 10, 2015.

(NO EXCEPTIONS)

The amount of assistance will be determined at a later date.

If you have had any previous help from Culture & Heritage Program, receipts must be turned in to determine eligibility. If you have no receipts turned in by deadline this will affect your eligibility.

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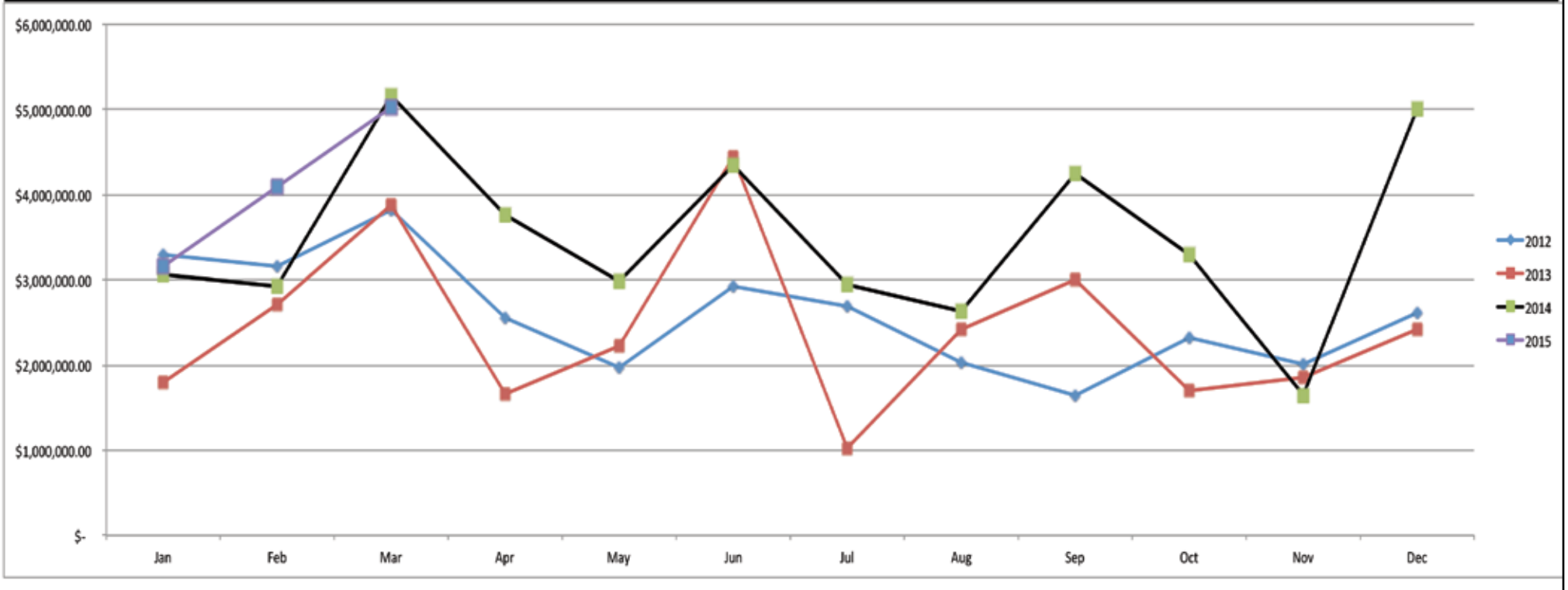
2013	$ 1,789,917.32	$ 2,708,019.13	$ 3,869,736.10	$ 1,652,583.70	$ 2,232,179.89	$ 4,448,675.43	$ 1,023,321.02	$ 2,412,659.74	$ 2,998,638.58	$ 1,696,200.50	$ 1,847,076.58	$ 2,419,246.87	$ 29,098,254.86
2014	$ 3,052,752.53	$ 2,929,385.00	$ 5,159,156.00	$ 3,752,138.67	$ 2,975,331.48	$ 4,340,129.00	$ 2,936,190.00	$ 2,641,794.00	$ 4,256,163.00	$ 3,292,601.00	$ 1,649,021.00	$ 5,004,925.39	$ 41,989,587.07
2015	$ 3,149,025.29	$ 4,083,691.60	$ 5,026,929.49										$ 12,259,646.38



Descendent of Indian Saint brings faith to Africa

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

Michelin Butler has always dreamed of adventures, traveling to jungles and even into warzones to learn the stories of other people. As it often happens, her life followed a more conventional path as she became a mother and followed her grandmother's dream into pursuing nursing in Altus, Okla. Yet her increased and passionate work within her church led her to a country torn by physical and spiritual warzones and into courageous encounters with Muslim soldiers.

As a missionary with the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., Butler and a group of other volunteers traveled to the country of Niger in Africa, ready to help the community there with practical needs like clean water, and the less tangible needs of spirituality.

Butler spent her two-week time in a compound, providing domestic support for the volunteers toiling to install wells and bring clean water to those without. It's tough work, and people questioned Butler's desire to make the trip almost until she stepped on the plane, yet Butler was firm in her faith.

"My mind and my heart were already established," she said. "I'm covered in the blood of Jesus so how could I not go?"

Butler spoke confidently about the trip, rarely mentioning any fear or complaints. Her confidence in her purpose for going was so strong, that even Muslim guards holding guns outside a church couldn't make her uncomfortable. Instead, she enthusiastically convinced them to join hands with her and another missionary to pray and left them with Bibles to practice English.

Despite the language barrier, she established a friendly relationship with her neighbors as well, exchanging food and small gifts and telling anyone who would listen about her experiences as a Christian and as a Cheyenne tribal member.

"There were simple things like having to stay in at night that I could always relate back to my upbringing as a Cheyenne and then also my Christian side," Butler said.

Though her trip was funded through the Emmanuel Church, C&A tribes' Culture and Heritage Program sponsored her as well to help cover extra expenses.

"She came in and told me what she was doing and I thought it was important, so I said I'd be more than happy to help you," Culture and Heritage Director, Max Bear said. "I think it's pretty good that somebody does that work, and maybe someone might follow and do the same thing later on."

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Michelin Butler displays the winning smile that broke so many barriers with the local community on her mission trip to Niger, Africa.

Butler traces her Cheyenne roots back to Saint David Pendleton Oakerhater, who was first a Cheyenne warrior, and then a warrior for his Christian faith, fighting opposition in rural Oklahoma to spread his beliefs through founding the Whirlwind Mission in Watonga, Okla. Oakerhater's efforts were recognized by the 68th Episcopal General Convention in 1985, putting him down in history as a saint.

The strong example of her great-great-grandfather inspired Butler to join mission work and leave a country of comfort to endure hardships elsewhere.

"That's where my passion comes from, that's where my desire comes from, because my grandfather comes from such a rich legacy." Butler said. "I just thought, how sad and pitiful is it that if I don't turn my life around, if I don't begin this journey, if I don't take this courage? Then my family's lives would have been in vain."

Though she is currently back to her old routine in Oklahoma, Butler is in no way done with her missionary work. Once her daughter comes of age, she hopes to continue her travels, possibly in South America.

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C&A Election Commission announces candidate registration information for 2015 Primary and General Elections

NOTE: In the May 1, 2015 issue the Tribal Tribune erroneously printed Cheyenne District 2 as an available seat for candidacy. This was an error and has been corrected below.

(CONCHO, OK)-The Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission will commence election proceedings for the 2015 Primary and General Elections on May 1, 2015.

The following public offices are up for election in 2015:

District Legislative Seats:

Cheyenne District 1
Cheyenne District 3
Arapaho District 3
Arapaho District 4

Election Commission Seats

Cheyenne District 2
Cheyenne District 4
Arapaho District 1
Arapaho District 2

The primary elections will be held on Oct. 6, 2015. General elections will be held Nov. 3, 2015.

Beginning on May 1, 2015, nominations for public offices up for election shall open to qualified candidates and the Election Commission will begin accepting candidate registrations at 8 a.m.

Candidate registration packets are available and may be picked up at the Election Commission Offices located in the Education Building in Concho, Okla.

Nominations shall close on June 1, 2015. All interested candidates must submit their completed candidate registration packet, along with a $50 filing fee, to the Election Commission Offices by 5 p.m. on June 1.

Verification of candidate eligibility shall be submitted along with completed candidate registration packets by the June 1st deadline.

Candidates for Legislative office must also submit a signed declaration of candidacy and a nomination petition signed by at least ten registered voters from the district in which they are running.

Detailed information and instructions concerning acceptable forms of verification and other requirements for filing will be included with all candidate registration packets at the time of pick up.

The minimum qualifications for District Legislative Candidates are as follows:

A candidate for District Legislator shall be an enrolled member of the Tribes, age 25 or older, and shall possess a high school degree or its equivalent,

No person convicted of a felony within the last ten years shall be eligible to serve as a District Legislator unless pardoned,

At time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for District Legislator shall physically reside and be registered to vote in the district for which he or she seeks elective office; and

A candidate for the Office of District Legislator cannot owe any money or owe any debts to the Tribes.

The minimum qualifications for Election Commission Candidates are as follows:

A candidate for Election Commission Office shall possess at a minimum a high school degree or its equivalent;

No person convicted of a felony at any time prior to filing for candidacy shall be eligible to serve on the Election Commission.

The terms of office for both Legislative and Election Commission offices are four years. Officials elected this year will begin their terms on Jan. 1, 2016.

For more information, call the Election Commission offices toll free at (800) 247-4612, ext. 27619.

Important Dates to Remember 2015 Primary and General Elections

May 1, 2015 *Candidate registration for elective office opens*
June 1, 2015 *Candidate registration for elective office closes*
June 15, 2015 *Announce preliminary list of qualified candidates and eligible voters*
July 15, 2015 *Last day to file any written challenges to the preliminary list of qualified candidates or eligible voters*
Aug. 1, 2015 *Election Commission will decide all written challenges by this date*
Aug. 15, 2015 *Announce the final list of candidates and eligible voters*
Sept. 4, 2015 *Last day to request an absentee ballot*
Sept. 15, 2015 *Absentee ballots mailed out*
Oct. 6, 2015 *PRIMARY ELECTION*
Oct. 13, 1015 *Absentee ballots mailed out*
Nov. 3, 2015 *GENERAL ELECTION*

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Military Experience & the Arts: National Symposium welcomes Oklahoma Veterans, families and general public

(LAWTON, OK)-The Oklahoma Military Experience & the Arts National Symposium (MEA 2) is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17 on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

The educational event, geared toward military veterans and families throughout the state of Oklahoma, as well as the general public seeking a better understanding of how veterans cope within the military environment, is a golden opportunity to allow artistic inclinations to blossom through more than 70 thought-provoking workshops. Topics related to writing, poetry, filmmaking, music, papermaking, performance art and stress reduction are among the symposium offerings.

Veterans from Oklahoma, and surrounding states, are invited to register for the symposium, which includes support with lodging, meals, transportation, post-traumatic stress, and most significantly, a safe, open venue for social exchange among fellow veterans of every generation and branch of service.

The Military Experience & the Arts (MEA), is a national 501(C) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to serving military veterans and the artistic experience primarily through honoring creative expression. The Lawton MEA symposium marks the second in the nation, the first being held at Eastern Kentucky University in 2012. Presenters include professional writers, published authors and poets; fine artists, photographers, actors, dance troupes, documentary filmmakers, and art therapists, who work closely with veterans, particularly utilizing the concept of art as a means to process the internal complexities of war and combat, including unusual aspects of serving in the military.

Keynote speaker, Benjamin Patton, who is a filmmaker, author, developmental psychologist and the youngest grandson of World War II's infamous General George S. Patton Jr., will be on-hand educating veterans on the finer points of documentary filmmaking, in a format created to assist with processing traumatic, war-related experiences.

"I grew up with a very strong sense of service, particularly with regard to military personnel and uniformed personnel," Patton said. "We really need to make an effort to acknowledge the service of those who, as my dad used to say, 'missed a meal or heard a shot fired in anger.' We do what we can to give back to that community and make their lives as fulfilling and rich as possible. My main focus right now is the work I'm doing for the Patton Veterans Project, which is to serve the military community, you might say, in a different way; by providing a therapeutic intervention involving filmmaking to help veterans cope with service-related stress . . . and their families."

Patton will also share excerpts from his book, *Growing Up Patton: Heroes, History and Family Wisdom.*

Theater actor and performance artist, Doug Berky, in a similar fashion to Patton, grew up on military bases for most of his life, as his father spent 20 years in the Air Force. Berky will take the stage at MEA Oklahoma utilizing universally-themed, ancient stories to address veterans and military families.

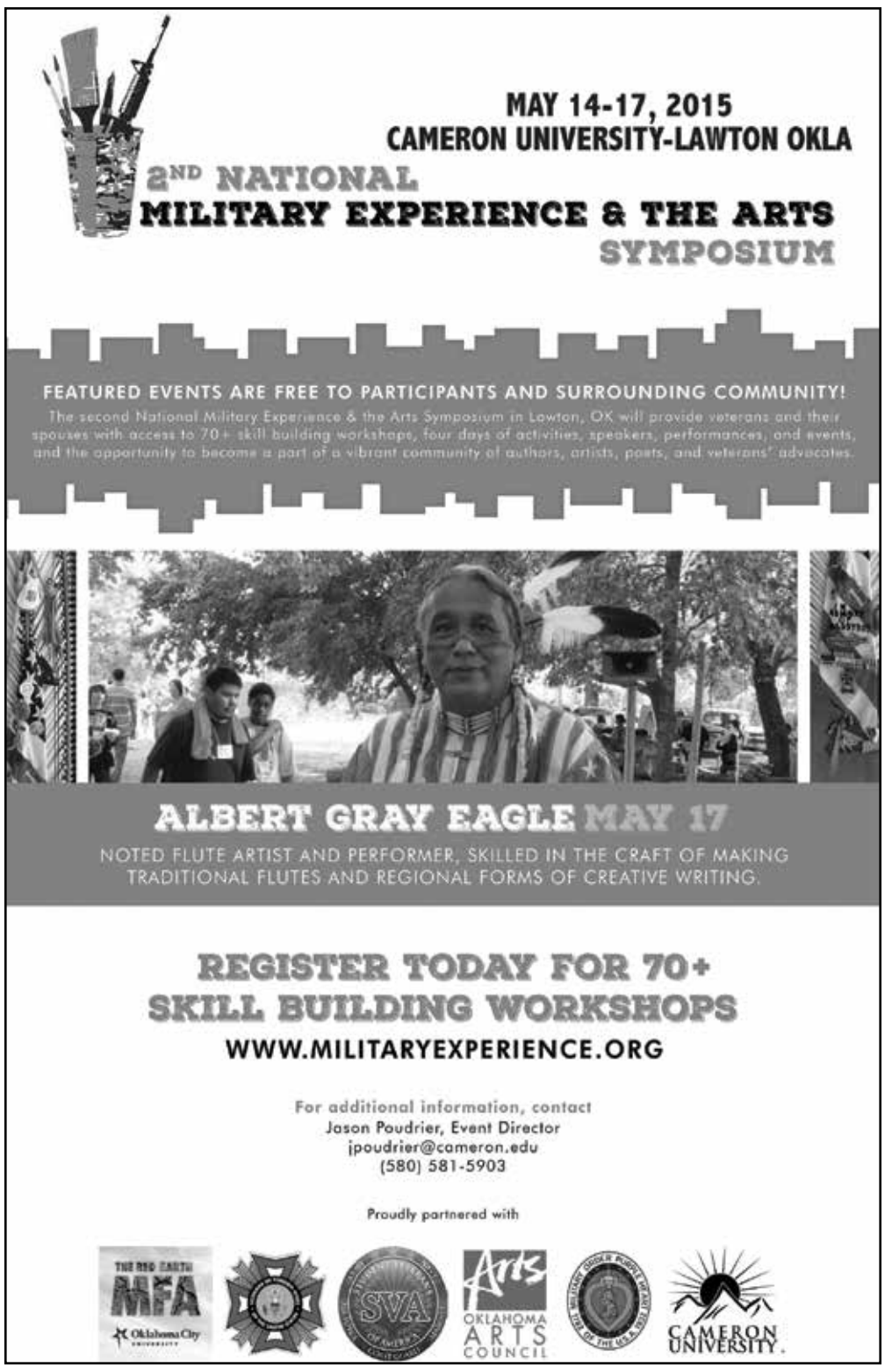
"The 'Tiger's Whisker' is an ancient story from Korea," Berky said. "It's about a woman's journey whose husband comes home from war and her trying to find the silver bullet that will help him deal with the trauma he suffered in that experience."

Roman Baca, a former U.S. Marine who is also a dancer and choreographer, is a featured performer. Baca is the artistic director of Exit 12, a New York City based dance-company. Exit 12 is known internationally for communicating complex military issues and experiences to audiences through ballet movements and expression.

Popular Oklahoma Flutist and Vietnam veteran Albert Gray Eagle is on the roster to perform music and teach authentic flute-making techniques throughout the entire symposium.

"I hope if it is just one person I can reach and give hope to . . . I am blessed to allow that to go through," Gray Eagle said. "If you can help someone, by all means, that is your duty as a human being."

Veterans can access additional information about the upcoming Oklahoma MEA symposium, and register for the event at www.militaryexperience.org. The symposium is open to veterans, military families, active duty service members, reservists, retirees and the general public. Registration is $20. Active duty military and spouses may register for free.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might not have the funds to open a charter school, yet a tribal nation does or could. I think that's a collaborative effort and it's an important thing."

The bill passed with the dedicated support of the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) and the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA), with volunteers providing letters and outreach to inform voters about its landmark importance.

"It is a shift in contemporary public education for our Indian students that will enhance their formal schooling," Funston Whitman, executive director of education for the C&A tribes and president-elect for OCIE, said in a press release.

House Bill 1034 will go into effect November 2015. Senator Loveless stated that they chose not to pass it as an emergency, meaning it would go into effect as soon as Gov. Fallin signed it, to allow schools adequate time to establish themselves for the school year beginning in fall of 2016.

"But people will know that it has passed, and people that are interested in it can move forward," Sen. Loveless stated. "People have asked me why I believe in this bill, because I've done it for three years. I'm passionate about it, because I believe in rural Oklahoma. We have a lot of good things happening because of the tribes. And I think that education has always been fundamental to a lot of tribes, if not all of them."

For more information on House Bill 1034, visit oklegislature.gov.

Land contest

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two separate events, range judging and land judging.

Land judging looks at soil characteristics to determine its quality and capabilities. Examples of areas reviewed are erosion, slope, drainage and permeability. Reviewing these characteristics allows students to learn about how our soil can be used, how different soils should be managed and, most importantly, how to conserve one of our critical natural resources.

Range judging teaches students how to properly identify plants, their growth habits and their value for livestock, as well as how to best manage and preserve range land to maximize use and minimize negative impact.

Though many areas could be chosen for the national judging site, Don Bartolina, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts said the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have hosted this contest several times in the past years, "and the tribes have always been a gracious host."

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Part of the focus for Mental Health Awareness Month is on children's mental health. Here are some tips on how to recognize depression in children as well as five ways to improve children's mental health! Investment in a child today is an investment for our future!

Five Ways to Improve children's mental health

Send them off with love. One tradition I've continued to practice with Bob (as it was done with me) is to send him off with a blessing and an "I love you." My mother sent me off every day and received me in the evenings with a "God bless you." It always comforted me to know that I had my blessing for the day. Every day and every evening, I give Bob my blessing as a way to protect him and show him my love. "I love you" can go a long way to giving your child much needed comfort and support to start their day right.

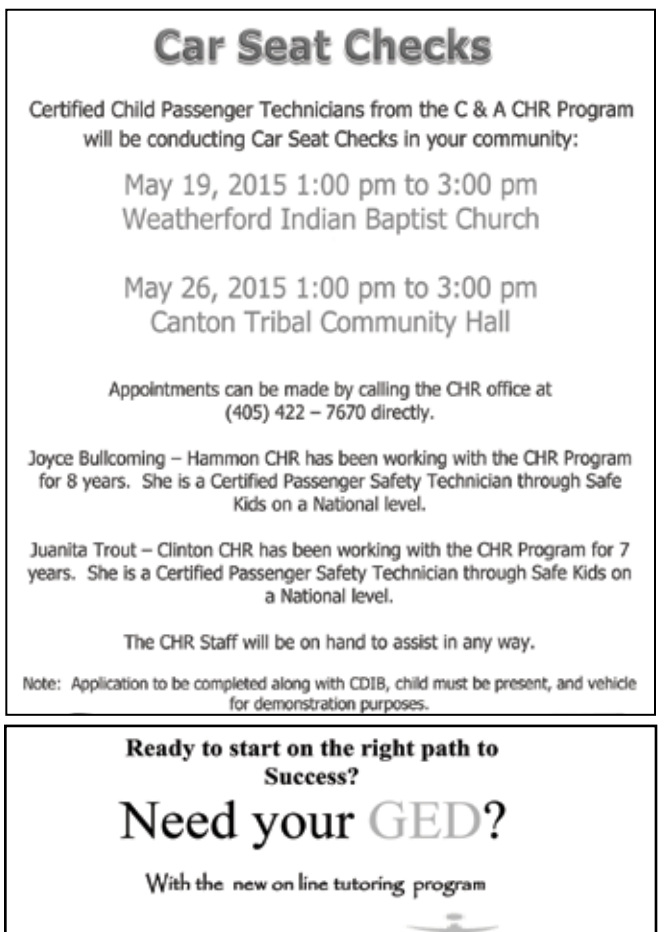
Leave little notes for them. Kids today face many challenges – peer issues, bullying, etc. Another way to let your child know how amazing he or she is (and help boost their self-esteem) is to send a special note. Hidden in the lunchbox or book bag, your child can find it and be instantly uplifted.

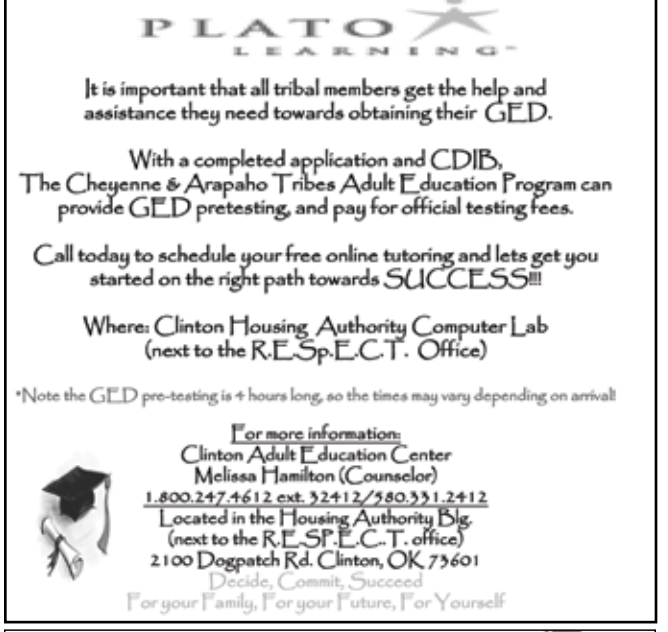
Give lots of affection. So many times when people get angry, they withdraw. Sometimes, parents withhold love from kids – especially when upset about negative behavior. In my work, I find that the kids who misbehave the most, need the most affection. Hugs and kisses can wrap a child with warmth and the feeling of security.

Ask about their day. We parents can get caught up in the busyness of life – working, paying bills or getting ready for the next day. We forget that conversations are important. By asking your child about his or her day, you show interest. By showing interest in the small things, you child will be able to trust you with the important things. Like what upsets them or troubles they may have in school. Ask your child about his or her day. You may get strange looks at first (if you don't practice this), but your child will come around and start chatting away.

Compliment your child. Another tip to help improve a child's self-esteem and mental health is to say nice things. Point out his or her talents and gifts. Celebrate the amazing person you've been given. Telling a child, "You're so smart!' or "Your artwork is amazing! I'm hanging it on the fridge," will boost his or her ego (sense of self). You'll help your child see him or herself through your eyes.

Celebrate Child Mental Health Awareness by using these tips.


Car Seat Checks
Certified Child Passenger Technicians from the C & A CHR Program will be conducting Car Seat Checks in your community:
May 19, 2015 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Weatherford Indian Baptist Church
May 26, 2015 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Canton Tribal Community Hall
Appointments can be made by calling the CHR office at (405) 422 – 7670 directly.
Joyce Bullcoming – Hammon CHR has been working with the CHR Program for 8 years. She is a Certified Passenger Safety Technician through Safe Kids on a National level.
Juanita Trout – Clinton CHR has been working with the CHR Program for 7 years. She is a Certified Passenger Safety Technician through Safe Kids on a National level.
The CHR Staff will be on hand to assist in any way.
Note: Application to be completed along with CDIB, child must be present, and vehicle for demonstration purposes.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With a completed application and CDIB, The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Adult Education Program can provide GED pretesting, and pay for official testing fees.
Call today to schedule your free online tutoring and lets get you started on the right path towards SUCCESS!!!
Where: Clinton Housing Authority Computer Lab (next to the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Office)
*Note the GED pre-testing is 4 hours long, so the times may vary depending on arrival!
For more information:
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Melissa Hamilton (Counselor)
1.800.247.4612 ext. 32412/580.331.2412
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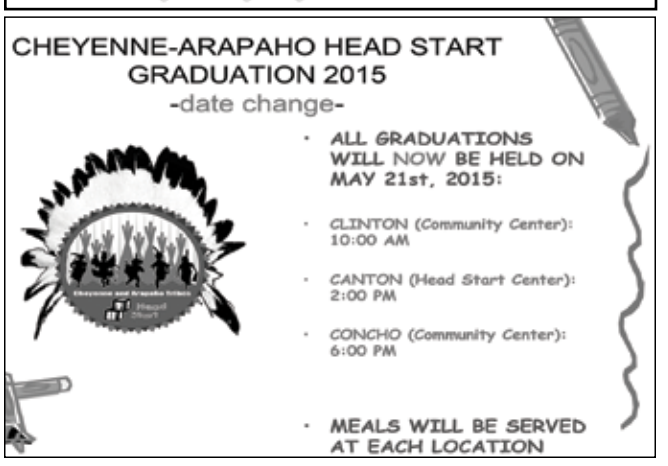
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO HEAD START
GRADUATION 2015
-date change-
ALL GRADUATIONS WILL NOW BE HELD ON MAY 21st, 2015:
CLINTON (Community Center): 10:00 AM
CANTON (Head Start Center): 2:00 PM
CONCHO (Community Center): 6:00 PM
MEALS WILL BE SERVED AT EACH LOCATION

Per Cap Public Notices

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Angela Cheyenne Hicks
Anna Joyce Oxendine
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Benjamin Franklin Buffalo Jr
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Bobby Ray Wood
Brian Joseph Christy
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Brooklyn Holden
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Cabrion R Milton
Carlos Delano Lefthand
Carmelita Turtle
Carrie Tennison
Charlene Marie Mckernan
Charles William Moore
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Felicia Coffey
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Jeffrey Yellow Eyes
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Jennifer Jackson
Jiles Allen Harden
Joannie Sue Riddle
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La Rue Ann Wells
Lakota Denise Hawk
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Lawrence Henry Kiper
Leland Michael Pryor
Lesley Ann Moore
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If your minor child has not received their 2014 December Minerals Per Capita check or for any additional assistance, please contact the Per Capita Office at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27725 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725 or for questions on the Change of Address forms, Please contact the Department of Enrollment at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27600 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27600.

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Get paid for attending class

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Classroom Training Program has funding for eligible, full-time, Native American students attending area Vo-Tech Centers.

Classroom Training (CRT) services are available to students interested in attending a vocational technology center. The student must be enrolled full-time, must be eligible to receive a PEWLL grant, must possess a high school diploma or GED, and must reside within the eight county service areas of the tribes, which include, Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, and Washita.

A basic living allowance stipend is provided for attendance at the center based on the number of hours attended during each week. An hourly amount is paid for each hour of verified classroom attendance. Each student must maintain a 'C' grade point average must attend 90 percent of the school year.

Applications are available in the ETA office located at the Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla., or can be mailed to you at your request.

Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information about the CRT Program, call the ETA offices toll free at (800) 247-4612, ext. 27664 or (405) 422-7664.

Oklahoma flutist, veteran reflects on art, family, PTSD

Submitted by Robin Brooks, Public Affairs
Military Experience & the Arts

There's something about Albert Gray Eagle when you first meet him that is extraordinarily powerful, yet disarmingly subtle, sensitive and silent. It is the quiet kind of confidence and strength that undoubtedly comes from years of experience connecting with other human beings on a deep, soulful level. As an artist, one who is spiritually connected, Gray Eagle's profound talents resonate with everyone he encounters.

"I have to reach way down into the depths of my soul … realize that there is something out there far greater than myself. It's in every living thing that's on this earth," Gray Eagle said. "We have two sets of eyes, one to see with, to see things physically; and then one to see things around you in a different manner, someone who is hurting, someone you can talk to. I've been gifted to be able to talk to people one-on-one about what's bothering them. You can spot a veteran a mile away. You look into his eyes and you know where he's been."

Gray Eagle, a globally known teaching artist affiliated with the Oklahoma Arts Council, is a featured musical performer and workshop instructor at the upcoming Military Experience & the Arts National Symposium, scheduled for May 14-17 on the campus of Cameron University in Lawton.

Gray Eagle will perform music, heavily tinged with patriotic themes and Native American storytelling roots, as well as provide instruction to military veterans and families in the traditional art of flute-making, utilizing authentic materials such as cane, reed and clay.

A Vietnam veteran, who served in the U.S. Army, Gray Eagle is acutely aware of how the historical military experience and environment during the 1970s impacted Native American soldiers from a distinctly cultural perspective.

"As an American Indian, it was pretty rough. There were two or three of us in the entire brigade. We were called up in front of everyone by a major general and of course, he went through the spiel, 'As members of separate nations, the United States Government would like to thank you for your service.' The first comment I remember was from a staff sergeant in Kentucky who told me that I 'should feel privileged that I was even allowed to serve after what the Indians had done to this Country years ago,' When they tell you something like that your self-worth goes down a lot, no matter how hard you try to be a better person. You always got this ethnic thing,'chief this, chief that,'" Gray Eagle said. "During that time, American Indians were more decorated than any other culture, yet, they were probably treated the worst. It was just stuff people didn't know, stereotypes, that's what happens when you get people together. I lived with these guys coming straight off the field. I was a small, 5 foot 9 inch, 135 pound kid, who I guess from behind, looked Vietnamese. I was attacked, choked, they just went crazy, you know? I was seventeen years old."

Photo by Shari L. Rodriguez
Albert Gray Eagle

As part of the MEA symposium's focus on diversity and the arts, Gray Eagle will open a lunch-time film screening, courtesy of the Cheyenne Arapaho CATV 47, Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA), and the Oklahoma Humanities Council, titled, *Native Oklahoma: Native Vietnam Veterans*. A film panel discussion, including veterans profiled in the documentary, will take place immediately following the screening.

"My family is all veterans. I had a great uncle that got three bronze stars during World War II; a bronze star with arrowhead cluster; a purple heart. Of course, his PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) was so bad he spent most of his life drunk; and had car accidents that I think were probably attempted suicides, you know? But he survived then, and he never talked about it until right before he died. He was 84 or 85 years old when he died," Gray Eagle said. "My grandfather on my mom's side served. He had a bronze star and my uncles. They were all decorated. There was a lot of service."

Gray Eagle compares his own difficulties reintegrating into society after coming home from Vietnam with those of his elder family members, "My grandfather, he didn't know how to communicate with anybody, as I didn't, when I got out of the military. He got jobs where he would herd sheep up in the mountains by himself. So all he had was a few dogs and a horse and he stayed in a little … a small camper trailer for months at a time," Gray Eagle said. "When I

See **Oklahoma flutist** *pg. 8*

Lt. Gov. Garcia and tribal leaders issue statement on failed mascot bill

DENVER, Colo.-Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia, Chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs joins Chairman Manuel Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Chairman Clement Frost, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to issue the following statement after HB15-1165 "School's Use of American Indian Mascots" failed.

"Last night, HB15-1165 'Schools' Use of American Indian Mascots' bill failed in the Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee on a party line vote. We would like to thank Representatives Salazar and Melton and Senator Ulibarri for bringing this legislation forward and, by doing so, providing a forum for an important conversation about the manner in which images and symbols are viewed depending on one's individual historical and cultural perspective.

For centuries, American Indian peoples have called Colorado home. From Cortez to Sterling and Trinidad to Craig, numerous tribal nations hunted, gathered, and lived in areas from which, over time, most were removed and forced onto reservations, stripped of their land, language and culture, and, too often, even their lives.

HB 1165 sparked an important conversation in the Legislature about the use of outdated names and offensive caricatures of American Indian people in many of Colorado's schools. While issues like local control and financial constraints prevailed, it is our hope that this discussion has encouraged communities to have an open and honest dialogue about this issue. Institutions which strive to teach respect and dignity to our next generation should recognize that displays of American Indian warpaint, headdresses and tomahawk chants may be offensive to tribal nations and Native people. Intentionally or not, they often degrade the proud and ongoing legacy of American Indians in Colorado and everywhere throughout the nation.

Last December, when Governor Hickenlooper apologized to the descendants of the tribes that suffered the atrocity of the Sand Creek Massacre, and a month later, when he gave his State of the State, he said healing begins with an apology. It also takes dialogue and a recognition that we view certain symbols, images and words through our respective historical and cultural perspectives. As we move forward, it is our hope that the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs will be utilized as a resource to help facilitate that dialogue by connecting schools and communities with Tribes that once called these places home, and may do so still today."

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Colorado State Governor, John Hickenlooper shakes the hands of Cheyenne and Arapaho chiefs on Dec. 3, 2014 in Denver, Colo. after publicly apologizing for the 1864 massacre of almost 200 Cheyenne, Arapaho members, mostly women, children and elderly.

ATTENTION

The Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes CHR Program staff will be attending EMR, "Emergency Medical Responder" training through the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes EMS Program on the following dates.
PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS OR MEDICINE DELIVERIES FOR ELDERLY PRIOR TO THESE DATES.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Wednesday, May 20
Friday, May 22
Wednesday May 27
Friday May 29
Wednesday June 3
Friday June 5
Wednesday, June 10
Friday, June 12
Wednesday June 17

R.E.SP.E.C.T. PROGRAM

SUMMERFEST 2015

T-shirt Design Contest!

Contest begins today! The last day to submit artwork is June 8th, Winner will be announced June 18th!

How to submit your artwork:

In person to the Respect Office in Concho, located in the Department of Education, Room 114

Email: jlongknife@c-a-tribes.org

P.O. Box 143 Concho, Ok 73022 Attn: Summerfest

Show us your creative talent & submit an original design

The creator of the winning design will receive their artwork printed on the Respect Program 2015 Summerfest shirts and public recognition in the Tribal newspaper and Respect Program website as well as a monetary prize of $250.00!

The original artwork will be showcased on T-shirts given out at over a dozen events during the Annual Summerfest in Concho, Oklahoma on July 31-August 2, 2015.

Your design should include the words:

"R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program"

"Summerfest 2015"

4 color limit

The contest is open to ages 16 & up.

Entry Form must be included.

"Summerfest" is a Respect sponsored event held in conjunction with Oklahoma Indian Nations Pow Wow.

Activities include: Youth & Adult Basketball, Slow Pitch Softball, Fast Pitch Softball, Buffalo Run & Walk, Volleyball, Golf, Frybread Contest, Horseshoes, Youth Track Meet, Tiny Tot Contest, Water Slides & Youth Games and Newly Added Health Fair.

For more information, please call 405.422.7570 or 405.422.7585

1st Annual Cheyenne Arapaho Sports Banquet

Sponsored by R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program would like to invite all Tribal Members who were a member of their Varsity team this year. All Participants must be in the 9th-12th Grade

When: Thursday, May 28th

Where: Frisco Center, Clinton, OK

Time: 6:30 pm

Each varsity athlete will be recognized for their accomplishments for the 2014-2015 school year.

For more information or to register your varsity athlete, please call the RESpECT Office at 405-422-7570 or email Reggie Island at risland@c-a-tribes.org

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Painting through the pain

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

The suffering of artists everywhere has been romanticized to the point of an eye-glazing cliché. Yet one angst-less teenager in the small town of Canton, Okla. is keeping her artistic journey as positive and helpful to her community as possible.

Her name is Hunter Tsatigh, a not so typical Cheyenne and Arapaho high school junior who has been winning national awards since the third grade. She's been featured in shows around the state and has even collaborated with famed Oklahoman artist Patrick Riley on one of his trademark leather masks.

However, Tsatigh hasn't let fame go to her head. Though Riley has created masks commissioned by Lady Gaga and could have sold the mask he worked on with Tsatigh for over $5,000, they donated it to her high school in Canton.

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Hunter Tsatigh proudly displays her paintings and mask along with other students' at her high school in Canton, one of many stepping stones to achieving a life centered on her passion, art.

Tsatigh's community outreach didn't stop there. She uses the profits from selling her realism-styled paintings to buy loads of toys as Christmas donations in Canton, Longdale and Seiling. She enjoys the role model position she's glided into, trying to encourage others around her to reach for their goals.

"I try to do more to make an imprint on kids of what's right and what could be good," Tsatigh said. "And not to be afraid of certain things because everything happens for a reason."

Tsatigh suffers from childhood arthritis as well as Raynaud's syndrome (a disorder that adversely affects blood vessels, especially in the fingers), making her art painful at times. Yet, she can't give it up, painting sometimes until her hands blister and scar.

"There are no words to describe why I love it so much. It hurts me physically but I benefit from it," Tsatigh said, touching one of the scars on her knuckles. "I want to involve my life in art in some way. No matter what it is, so long as I'm surrounded by doing art."

Tsatigh's mother, Misty, glady supports her in all her artistic endeavors, keeping scrapbooks documenting Tsatigh's rise to fame and driving her to classes at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

"Hunter is unique in a lot of ways," Misty said, indicating the wolf tails that decorate her daughter's backpack. "Art is a way for her to express herself physically and emotionally. We always tell our kids, you don't only represent yourself, you represent your family, your tribe and your community. You want that to be positive."

Tsatigh hopes to continue her studies after high school at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., getting a basic education and honing her artistic skills as well.

"I'm set on art," Tsatigh said. "But I figured it wouldn't hurt to check out other things too."

Science Fair

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Department of Education staff proudly honor the promising group of young scientists at the Department of Education's Inaugural Science and Technology Fair. (From l-r) front row-Matthew Martin Jr, Travien Lone Bear, Anna Littleraven, James Shawnee. 2nd row- Deidra Flurry, Kiyah Four Horns, Bobbi Botone, Jada Garrett, Brianna Bear, Constance Lunsford, Kelsey Martin, Ashley Charley. 3rd row- Department of Education Director Funston Whiteman, Kionna Four Horns, Samantha Paukei, Tyler Marshall, Joshua Bates, and James Bates Jr.

In fifth grade, 11 year-old Jada Garrett, 11 year-old Ashley Charley and 12 year-old Tyler Marshall from Geary Elementary won first place for their "What Makes Ice Melt Faster?" experiment. In sixth grade, 11 year old Brianna Bear from Canyon Ridge Middle School won a participation award for her quicksand experiment, as did 11 year-old Constance Lunsford from Roblyer Middle School for her sodium balloon experiment. First place went to 11 year-old Bobbi Botone from Darlington School for her Balloon Powered Car.

Botone also won the best in show category for the entire fair, securing the prize of an iPad mini donated by Lucky Star Casino. The second iPad mini donated went into a drawing for all of the participants and Kayci Bates was the lucky winner.

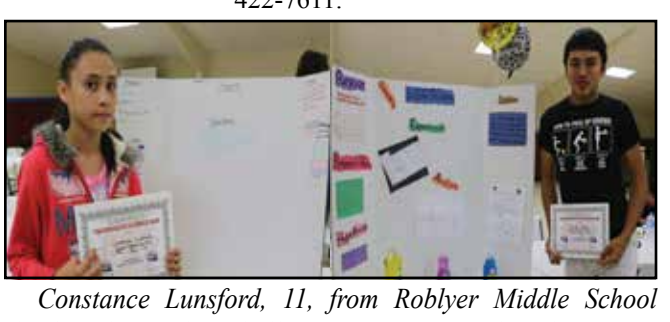
Seventh grade first place winner was the "Volcano Eruption" Travien Lone Bear, Matthew Martin Jr, and Kelsey Martin. First place in the eighth grade category went to 14 year-old Samantha Paukei from Darlington school for her "Birthday Paradox" experiment.

Paukei spoke enthusiastically about her experiment which examined the coincidence of shared birthdays, happy to have proved her hypothesis, and hopes to pursue a career in mathematics.

This was the first science fair hosted by the C&A Tribes' Education Department and they hope to continue the tradition each year. They'll be keeping up the momentum this year though with a Leadership Program Math and Science Academic Enrichment Camp for eighth graders this summer and a LEGO competition in the fall.

"It's just us coming together and getting our tribal kids prepared instead of intimidated by math and science fields," said Executive Director of Education, Funston Whiteman.

For more information, contact the Department of Education (405) 422-7611.



Constance Lunsford, 11, from Roblyer Middle School displays her sodium balloon experiment and Joshua Bates stands in for his sister Jaycie Bates and her "Bubble Trouble" experiment Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Department of Education's Inaugural Science and Technology Fair.

Looking for a pediatrician?
Making sure your child is on track for healthy growth and development is the number one priority for Clinton Service Unit pediatricians. Clinton Indian Health Center Pediatrics is led by the services of Dr. Kenneth Egan. El Reno and Watonga Indian Health Centers' Pediatrics are pleased to announce the return of services by Dr. James Mejias.
Clinton Indian Health Center
Mon. — Fri.
8 am to 5 pm
El Reno Indian Health Center
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.
9 am to 5 pm
Watonga Indian Health Center
Thursday*
9 am to 5 pm
*Dr. Mejias will have increased availability at Watonga Indian Health Center in the months to come.
Call 580.331.3339 to schedule a pediatric appointment between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm , Mon.—Fri.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Robert's Rules of Order for the Tribal Recording Secretary

May 19-21, 2015 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Introduction to Indian Housing Management

May 26-27, 2015 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Country's Employment Law Updates

May 28-29, 2015 at the Country Inn & Suites in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Supervision and Management Skills-Leadership in the Tribal Workplace

June 10-11, 2015 at the Juneau Vocational Training and Resource Center in Juneau, Alaska. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Taxation

June 11-12, 2015 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The Ninth annual Native American Economic Development, Diversification & Energy Projects Conference

June 14-16, 2015 at the Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

July 9-10, 2015 at the Hilton Waikiki Beach in Waikiki, Hawaii. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 2015 National Native Media Conference

July 9-12, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. For more information or to register visit www.naja.com.

The 2015 National UNITY Conference

July 10-15, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit www.unityinc.org.

Second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

Aug. 17-18, 2015 at the Morgan Stanley Corporate Office and Headquarters in New York City. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Native American Marijuana & Hemp Conference and Expo

Sept. 9-10, 2015 at the Harrah's Resort in Southern California.

Come hear prominent experts in the industry discuss the most recent legal, economic, social, and policy changes that are allowing Native America to enter into the marijuana market.

For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Oklahoma flutist

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went to work, I was an office manager at this farmer's cooperative, but I had an office in the back corner where I didn't have to deal with crowds of people. When I was going to get a promotion, to the manager of the whole place, I had to go talk to a board of directors and I didn't care for that. So, the only job that I could find where I could be alone was driving a truck. I had my own little space; minimal dealing with people. It was an ideal job for my situation. It was basically the same as my uncle and grandfather."

"When I got out, I just wanted to go home. I wasn't going to admit to anything that would keep me there. It was a shameful thing to have PTSD or anything wrong with you mentally because you were going to be labeled," Gray Eagle said. "Nowadays, you know, they sign a document, 'sound and ready to go home.' Of course they are going to sign the paper. They're not going to say, 'I have a problem.' It all depends on the severity of what you happen to see or feel; but the biggest thing is, the label of, 'they're crazy, they're nuts, they're whatever.' Everybody's got problems. Some people just handle it better than others."

Gray Eagle is sentimental and respectful of his family heritage, ancestors and the older generations. Although he didn't understand the concept fully as a younger man, where his knee-jerk reaction was to run away from his problems rather than ask for help; he is conscious today of the positive role and major impact older veterans who've served in prior wars and conflicts can have on the younger generation of veterans. Gray Eagle believes they understand like no one else can. He agrees the support is mutual; it can work both ways.

"There is a trust between veterans and older generations. I think it is important when a veteran who has been there can talk to a younger veteran, because there is going to be an automatic piece of trust as compared to talking to a young psychiatrist that just got out of school who has a certain guideline to follow in a 12-week program. There is no trust in somebody they think has read a book or learned from a book; and has no idea what they've been through. They can't ever let the veteran go outside of the guidelines," Gray Eagle said. "The first thing you need is a support system. If you don't have any family left because you end up driving your family, your spouse, your kids even … you drive them away there's another veteran there to help you, to listen to you. You are not alone in this world. I think the greatest tool out there to help a veteran is another veteran."

Gray Eagle is also lucky enough to credit his niece, who works and travels with him everywhere, as well as his wife, who he gives 'props for hanging in there,' as sources of comfort and support.

"My great uncle was like my dad. He never boasted about ribbons he had. As a matter of fact, I didn't know that he had all these acknowledgements until right before he died. He spent most of his time alone, drunk or trying to kill himself," Gray Eagle said. "He never reached out to a veteran's administration or hospital, he didn't know how to. It was a big taboo to label yourself that you've got a problem mentally or that your heart is broken; or your soul is hurting so bad that you find it hard to get up every morning to carry on. And having so many awards at a time where Indians or any minority would not have gotten any type of recognition, it just amazes me what he actually went through; what he had to live with his whole life. I know why he was alone, why he wouldn't talk, and why the only time he showed any affection was when he was drunk. It's so sad. He was an amazing man that I looked up to. My grandfather, my uncles … coming back from Vietnam … they were messed up. I totally understand as a veteran myself, who they were and why they were the way they were. I've seen so many die young because they never asked for help. That's why we are averaging 22 suicides a day of veterans. That's a lot. That's 22 too many."

Gray Eagle received a very special gift, as a child, that has served him well as an adult survivor of military trauma, which included severe beatings, racial hostility and witnessing the catastrophic circumstances surrounding the death and disabling wound of two friends from Texas, who just so happened to be brothers.

"I wasn't qualified to be there," he said. "I was so far down and it was a gift given to me when I was five years old, a flute that I learned to play that saved me. During my darkest times as a kid, I always had a place where I'd go and play it and I'd release all of this negativity, get it out. The flute has saved my life, all the way through. My art is my best survival tool. I have that, and sometimes, the company of another veteran," said Gray Eagle. "Veterans that get into the arts at the VA, in music or pottery, they seem to do far better than anybody else. So, that's my healing. I pretty much had to manage my own way, out of ego, pride, whatever; to find my own ways of healing to survive. I do have something to offer to the world and it's a peaceful art; a solution to all these bad feelings that I've held deep inside … the hurt and the heartbreak."

Gray Eagle's music and healing catharsis has incredibly far-reaching effects, as he is constantly sharing what he has learned with others in every part of the world. He tells a wonderful story about making a special, lower-C-register flute for a World War II veteran from Topeka, Kansas. Although the elderly veteran is confined to a wheelchair, Gray Eagle is fascinated with how he continues to use this form of musical art to stay overjoyed and alive.

In one of the most meaningful and emotional experiences of Gray Eagle's life, he describes how he once met two individuals at a National Veterans Creative Arts festival in Wisconsin, both on a USO tour, who helped him fulfill a life-long dream.

"I told them I would like to send some flutes to Iraq, Afghanistan, to the soldiers over there. Well, being on the USO tour, they told me they could make that happen. I had made 2,000 flutes. I do Sundance and ceremonies like that, and I had one of those Sundance priests smoke them off, bless them, whatever you want to say. So, they went to Afghanistan and they found these soldiers. They took the time to give these individual flutes to these soldiers and some of the emails I got back were just awesome. It was a blessing to be able to pass something on that was given to me; and send them overseas to a combat zone; where maybe some of these guys could find some peace, too, in the middle of all the chaos, Gray Eagle said. "For two people to come into my life like that and allow me to fulfill something I had always wanted to do for someone else; and to do it and take the time to find the American Indian soldiers that were stationed there. I told them I didn't care who got one because culturally, they belong to everybody in the world. Everybody in history played a flute for some reason or other, so I just wanted it to be a gift, if they found someone to give them to."

Gray Eagle credits amazing, miraculous moments like these, as well as working with children at camps and schools; teaching suicide prevention classes; being present for his daughter, who also suffers from military-related trauma; and being accessible to those veterans in need, at the VA and beyond, with helping him wake-up every morning and continue the long and winding journey towards health and healing.

Photo by Toni Nevarez

Albert Gray Eagle will be a guest speaker at the second National Military Experience & the Art Symposiumin May 14-17, in Lawton, Okla.

"When I get a piece of wood and feel the life that used to be in that piece of wood it's like giving life to create sound. It's like our second heart. We have a heart that pumps our blood, but then we have the heart that our soul rests in; that you can reach for deep inside and feel like you've done something," Gray Eagle said. "We all have many resources, but we have to find the one that finds us. Because once you get into that dark place or that hole, it's so hard to dig out. Art is about the fastest way I know of to get out. If I can be a part of that, volunteering or visiting another veteran and share a piece of my art, that's awesome. I'm glad that I was invited to the MEA symposium to be able to give a little piece of hope. Maybe someone will pick up what I do. Pick up the flute. I love to play music. I love to do it. It's the one thing that has saved my life over and over again; but it's not just the art itself. It's what happens when you're doing the art that's the medicine. When I put my soul into my art it puts me in a place that's peaceful. To allow something positive to happen, people can't do it alone. No matter how strong you think you are, you know, we were put on this earth to be there for each other, to help one another. It doesn't happen with one person. We have to respect everything and everyone around us. If you can help somebody, by all means, it's your duty as a human being."

Tribal Tidbits

Let's go to Spain

Fundraiser for Taylor Arnold, Study Abroad in Spain

A breakfast sale fundraiser for Taylor Arnold will be held from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2015 in the large conference room of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla.

Taylor attends the University of Oklahoma and just completed her junior year and her major is Health & Exercise Science. Taylor has made the Vice Presidents Honor Roll and Deans Honor Roll and lettered in softball, tennis, and cross-country. Taylor is leaving for Spain to study abroad on May 15, 2015. Taylor will be graduating next May from OU and will continue to get her doctorate in chiropractic or physical therapy. Taylor is the daughter of David and Yolanda Williams Robb, granddaughter of Marlene Williams Reyes, and niece of Maria Reyes Farmer and Franklin Williams.

Donations are gladly accepted. Please contact Maria Farmer at (405) 422-7428 or Marlene Reyes at (405) 422-7603 for further information or donations.

Planting a little sunshine

Terra Houska, Economic Development took time out with the children at Child Development to plant colorful flowers outside of the C&A Child Development building on Friday, May 1, 2015 in Concho, Okla. They painted discarded tires with bright pink, yellow and blues for flower pots.

Cheyenne Chief, Leonard Goodbear Jr., 'Many Man of Horses' will be donating a painting to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' in honor of the June 25, 1876 battle.

Goodbear is asking all C-A paratroopers to contact him with their names. To reach him call 405.605.2323.

EMS Week May 17-23

May 17 – 23rd marks EMS Week a national program designed to recognize those in EMS.

Instituted in 1974 by President Ford, the American College of Emergency Physicians have been at the forefront in recognizing those who have dedicated their careers to EMS. Recognize the outstanding dedication, devotion and sacrifices made by our EMS practitioners.

Often forgotten are the times where family and social events are not attended due to scheduling or totally interrupted due to an emergency.

Holidays for many have been celebrated at the hospital or station. All of this done with the intent and desire to serve others and, if not for a moment, improve the quality of life for someone who's day has not gone well.

JOB FAIR JOB FAIR JOB FAIR

On Wednesday, April 29, 2015 the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Social Services Department hosted a job fair in the Community Center in Concho, Okla. Employers from numerous organizations set up booths and greeted potential employees with plenty of information and marketing material.

Besides various C&A Tribal departments, vendors included: the Heavy Equipment College of Oklahoma,

John Levi: Proud to be a Marine and Native American

By Paul Lavanway

Esperanza Estates is full of interesting and accomplished people with John Levi being one such resident with an especially fascinating background.

Unbeknownst to many, John is one of those rare individuals whose lineage is primarily Native American. John's dad was a descendent of the Southern Arapaho (The name "Arapaho" translates as "people of the Blue Sky," while his mother was of Chippewa heritage. Chippewa is the French pronunciation of the name Ojibway or Ojiwa, the people of the upper Great Lakes.)

John T. Levi Jr., age 86 was born in Lawrence, Kansas. (Haskell). He attended Indian/Mission boarding schools in New Mexico and North and South Dakota. Graduating from Wahpeton, ND, high school in 1946. His Indiad name "Nee A Hee" (Eagle) was given to him by Elder John Whiteshirt Sr. When John was a little boy his grandfather Tom "Turkey" Levi gave him the name "Turkey Legs."

John's father, who also went by the name John Levi was the prominent "John Levi of Haskell Indian School" an All-American fullback whose athletic accomplishments were legendary. Exactly how good was John Levi Sr.? Well, here is what Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle All-American had to say following the 1923 Minnesota-Haskell Indians football game played in Minneapolis: "John is better than I was" To place this into perspective, it should be remembered that Jim Thorpe was voted as the greatest athlete of the half-century, 1900-1950 by America's sportwriters.

During John's father's coaching days at Haskell, he had a number of C&A players on his teams, notably: Jack White, Richard West, Ralph West, Edward Woolworth and Pete Shepard (Sioux) who later worked for the C&A tribes.

John's mother was born in Mackinaw City, Michigan and attended the Mt Pleasant Michigan Indian Boarding School, one of the schools established under Federal government's program to provide off-reservation boarding schools and vocational training for Native American children. She graduated from Haskell Indian School and worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for 30 years in New Mexico, the Dakota's and at Haskell.

Sister Julianne Levi Barnes, 85, was also born in Lawrence, Kansas. After graduating from public highs school in Wahpeton, ND, she attended North Dakota University, Kansas University and New Mexico University, receiving her Bachelor and Masters Degrees. She taught school at the Ft. Sill Indian School, Ft. Wingate Indian School, and worked for the BIA at the Wahpeton Indian school and at Haskell and in Washington D.C. She now resides in Akwesasne, NY, on the Mohawk Reservation with her husband Leslie, an enrolled member of the Mohawk confederation.

John grew up in a variety of places, including Ft. Wingate, NM, Ft. Totten, ND, Wahpeton, ND, and Lawrence, KS. (An interesting side item: According to John, "Kansas" is Indian for "People of the South Wind") and as a young man enlisted in the U.S. Navy. With the start of the Korean War, he was assigned as a Navy corpsman with the 1st Marine Division, participating in the 1950 landing at Inchon, South Korea and seeing combagt in the battle for Seoul (the capitol) and at the battle of the Chosin Reservoir. Reflecting on the Chosin Reservoir battle (a battle fought over some of the roughest terrain during some of the harshest weather conditions of the Korean War. Temperatures -35 degrees below zero) John commented, "the cold was terrible…what with troops' poor clothing, we were overwhelmed by frostbite and cold weather injuries…trucks, jeeps and weapons just stopped working. On the other hand, it (the cold weather did help stop bleeding from gunshot and shrapnel wounds."

During the battle of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, 50 miles from the Chinese border, 15,000 members of the 1st Marine Division and army units were surrounded by 120,000 Chinese troops with the mission of annihilating the 1st Marine Division and two battalions of the Army's 7th Division.

Elaborating futther, relative to the Korean War, John said, "What still sticks in my mind is the destruction and suffering, the violence and killing, the casualties that the Marines and Korean people experienced. I felt sorry for the Korean people, they were caught in the middle. Their homes were destroyed and their families split apart. That said, we may have stopped the spread of communism; I am proud that we helped establish the foundation for what has become a successful South Korea."

Following the end of his tour of military duty, John attended Wichita State University in Kansas, graduating in 1956-61 with a Bachelor and Masters degree in Education; at that time he was also commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserve, graduating from WSU's ROTC program.

John spent three decades teaching and coaching in the Wichita Public School system, achieving many honors, accomplishments and credentials along the way. Additionally, as "Teacher, Coach and Soldier," his most noted accomplishment was the co-founding of the Mid-America All-Indian Center (MAAIC) in Wichita, and educational and cultural complex originally providing social services to the urban Native Americans. According to John, the principal objective of the center was, "helping Indians to transition from the reservation to urban areas, while also helping the young to hold on to their native traditions, culture and customs. John is very concerned about the education of young Indians. That's the key to their survival, because it opens up so many doors, so many opportunities."

Submitted photo

John T. Levi Jr., now age 86, proudly served at a U.S. Marine and is proud of his service to his country and of his Native American ancestry.

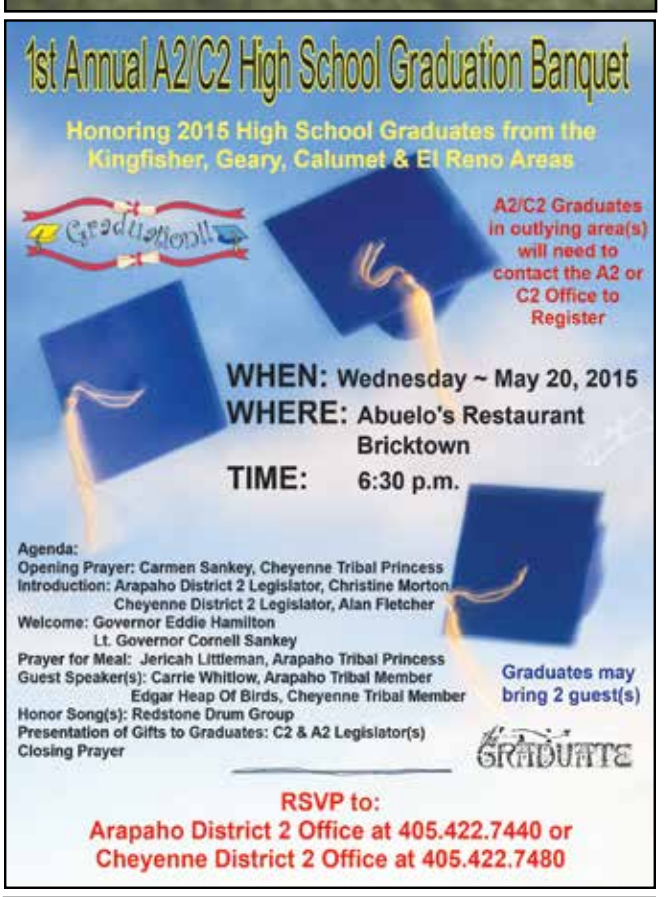
While living in Wichita, John became acquainted with C&A tribal members John and Jenny Washee, Francis Sweetwater, Buck Hamilton, the Heap of Birds family and with Alta Reyes who served on the Board of Trustees with John. He also became acquainted with Kiowa tribal members Blackbear Bosin, Betty Nixon, Lance Lujan, Rubie McKinzie, all of whom served on the Board. He also became acquainted with Harvey and Truman Ware and Moses Jay. In addition, John became a member of the "Wichita, KS Intertribal Warriors Society."

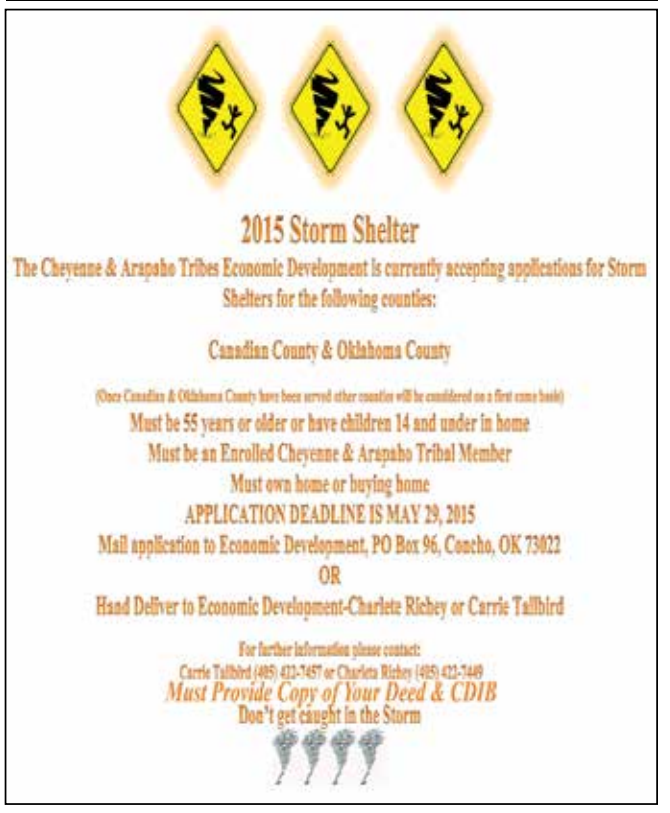
He is proud and honored to be on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans Memorial along with his C&A brothers.

John has many relatives living in Oklahoma and Wyoming. He keeps in contact with his cousins, Tom Levi of Oklahoma City, Curtis Levi Families, Linda Levi Dyer family, Georgia Levi Family, Jerry Levi family and with the Whitebirds, Tall Bear and Bushyhead families. His daughters Lynette and Sally live in Wichita, Kansas.

John, his wife Mary Ann, sister Julianne and mother retired to Green Valley, Arizona in 1990 and to Esperanza Estates in 1997. And so, that is just a bit about John T. Levi Jr. Someone who is not only a good neighbor, but in his own words, "Proud to have served his country and proud of his Indian heritage."

R.E.SP.E.C.T. GOLF ACADEMY
WHERE: Crimson Creek Golf Course & Surrey Hills Golf Course
WHEN: Classes will begin 6 p.m. May 20 at Crimson Creek in El Reno, Okla.
All Tribal members from ages 6 to 18 are invited to come learn about the fundamentals of golf. Classes will run through the summer/fall with some courses also being taught at Surrey Hills.
Sign Up/ Questions Call 405.422.7570


1st Annual A2/C2 High School Graduation Banquet
Honoring 2015 High School Graduates from the Kingfisher, Geary, Calumet & El Reno Areas
A2/C2 Graduates in outlying area(s) will need to contact the A2 or C2 Office to Register
WHEN: Wednesday ~ May 20, 2015
WHERE: Abuelo's Restaurant Bricktown
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
Agenda:
Opening Prayer: Carmen Sankey, Cheyenne Tribal Princess
Introduction: Arapaho District 2 Legislator, Christine Morton
Cheyenne District 2 Legislator, Alan Fletcher
Welcome: Governor Eddie Hamilton
Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey
Prayer for Meal: Jericah Littleman, Arapaho Tribal Princess
Guest Speaker(s): Carrie Whitlow, Arapaho Tribal Member
Edgar Heap Of Birds, Cheyenne Tribal Member
Honor Song(s): Redstone Drum Group
Presentation of Gifts to Graduates: C2 & A2 Legislator(s)
Closing Prayer
Graduates may bring 2 guest(s)
RSVP to:
Arapaho District 2 Office at 405.422.7440 or
Cheyenne District 2 Office at 405.422.7480


2015 Storm Shelter
The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Economic Development is currently accepting applications for Storm Shelters for the following counties:
Canadian County & Oklahoma County
(Once Canadian & Oklahoma County have been served other counties will be considered on a first come basis)
Must be 55 years or older or have children 14 and under in home
Must be an Enrolled Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Member
Must own home or buying home
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 29, 2015
Mail application to Economic Development, PO Box 96, Concho, OK 73022
OR
Hand Deliver to Economic Development-Charlete Richey or Carrie Tallbird
For further information please contact:
Carrie Tallbird (405) 422-7457 or Charlete Richey (405) 422-7449
Must Provide Copy of Your Deed & CDIB
Don't get caught in the Storm

Memorial Day – Tribute to the Fallen

Imagine you're a 19-year-old kid.

You are critically wounded and dying in the jungle somewhere in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam.

It's 1967.

Your unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense from 100 yards away, that your CO (commanding officer) has ordered the MedEvac helicopters to stop coming in.

You're lying there, listening to the enemy machine guns and you know you're not getting out.

Your family is half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and you'll never see them again.

As the world starts to fade in and out, you know this is the day.

Then, over the machine gun noise ... you faintly hear that sound of a helicopter.

You look up to see a Huey coming in. But, it doesn't seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it.

Captain Ed Freeman is coming in for you.

He's not MedEvac so it's not his job, but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway.

Even after the MedEvacs were ordered not to come. He's coming anyway.

And he drops it in and sits there in the machine gun fire, as they load three of you at a time on board.

Then he flies you up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses and safety.

And, he kept coming. Thirteen more times.

Until all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that the Captain had been hit four times in the legs and left arm.

He took 29 of you and your buddies out that day. Some would not have made it without the Captain and his Huey.

Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Ed Freeman, United States Air Force, died this year at the age of 70, in Boise, Idaho.

On Memorial Day, remember those who fought and died for your freedom and for the families they left behind.

CHEYENNE/ARAPAHO COLOR & HONOR GUARD

SCHEDULE OF

MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE TO VETERANS

AT THE FOLLOWING CEMETERIES ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

CONCHO	8AM	CANTON CORP OF ENG	1:45PM
COLONY	9AM	CANTON NO. SIDE	2:15PM
CLINTON	10AM	CANTON E. OF CHURCH	2:30PM
HAMMON	11AM	WATONGA	3:30PM
THOMAS	12 NOON	GEARY	4:30PM
SEILING	1:00PM	GREENFIELD	5:30PM
CANTONMENT	1:30PM	KINGFISHER	6:30PM

Color Guard Contact Information: Lena Nells (405) 312-6005

All veterans are welcome to participate at any one cemetery or all cemeteries.

EATING well for DIABETES

Eating Right For Diabetes

Kerri L. Felmlee, MS, RDN, LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

More than 29 million Americans live with diabetes, both diagnosed and undiagnosed. Changing eating habits can be the most challenging aspect of diabetes self-management, but diabetes is manageable.

Managing diabetes means maintaining healthy blood sugar levels. Along with proper medication and physical activity, this also requires balancing the foods you eat.

Eat a variety of foods. Choose foods from each food group every day, and don't be afraid to try new foods.

Make half your plate fruits and vegetables. Fruit contains fiber, vitamins and minerals and can satisfy your sweet tooth. Include more non-starchy vegetables including leafy greens, asparagus, carrots and broccoli each day. Also, choose whole fruit more often and juice less often.

Choose healthy carbohydrates. Increase the amount of fiber you consume by eating at least half of all grains as whole-grain foods each day. Brown rice, buckwheat, oatmeal, whole-wheat breads and cereals are good sources of fiber.

Eat less fat. Choose lean meats, poultry and fish whenever possible. Bake, broil, roast, grill, boil or steam foods instead of frying. Also, choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products.

Cut the salt. Use less salt and more pepper, herbs and seasoning. Eating less salt helps control high blood pressure.

Avoid skipping meals. Skipping meals can make you more hungry, moody and unable to focus. Learn what works best for you. Some people like three meals a day, while others enjoy two meals and two snacks. Find an eating pattern that is healthy for you and stick with it.

Focus on your food. Pick one place to sit down and eat at home. Eating while doing other things may lead to eating more than you think. Also, switching from a large plate to a smaller one may help you feel satisfied with reduced portions.

Watch portions to manage your calorie intake. Keep a record of what you eat and drink, including the amounts. Also, get in the habit of weighing or measuring food portions at least a couple of times a month.

A registered dietitian nutritionist can help you develop a personalized eating plan to manage your diabetes, ensuring you are getting the proper amount of carbohydrates, proteins and fats in your diet.

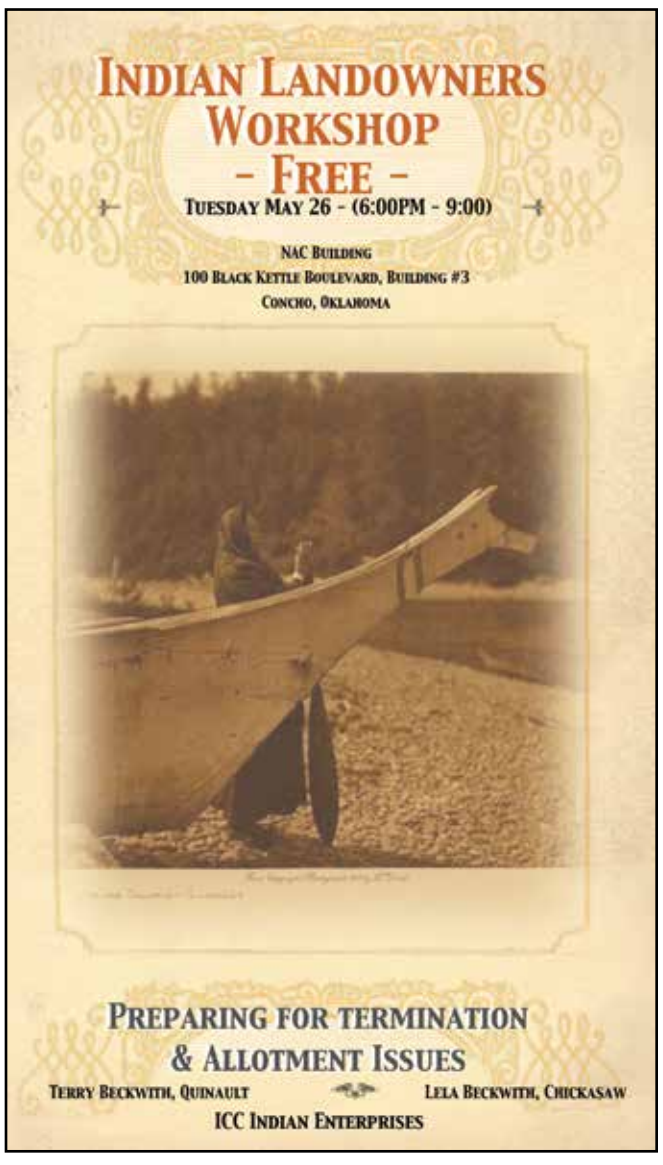
For more information, or to speak with a registered dietitian nutritionist, contact Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7723.

Elderly Food Card/Voucher Distribution-June 2015

June 2 & 3
Concho Complex - Large conference room
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Clinton Elderly Nutrition Building
9 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 2
Geary Community Center
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Watonga Community Center
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
June 4
Seiling Community Center
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

NOTE:
All in-state mail outs will begin on Thursday, June 4, 2015. Out of state mail outs will begin on Monday, June1, 2015.

For more information or questions please call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27411 or (405) 422-7411, or email eldercare@c-a-tribes.org.



AARP Oklahoma is accepting the AARP OK Indian Elder honors nominations

Deadline for Applications, June 1, 2015

AARP Oklahoma will proudly recognize 50 Oklahoma Indian Elders for their contributions to their tribal nation, state and/or community at the 7th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors. We are currently seeking at least one honoree from each of the 39 federal and state-recognized tribal nations in Oklahoma. Nominations are being accepted through June 1, 2015.

A full list of former honorees can be found at www.aarp.org/okindian-navigator.

All nominees must be an enrolled member of a federal or state recognized Oklahoma tribal nation.

The nominee must be age 50+.

The nominee must be living.

The nominee need not be a member of AARP.

The nomination process is open to individuals as well as tribal governments.

Selection of honorees will be made at the discretion of AARP Oklahoma.

Nominations are being accepted through June 1.

For more information contact Mashell Sourjohn at (405) 715-4474 or by email at MSourjohn@aarp.org.

DON'T WAIT DEADLINE APPROACHING

BIA Higher Education scholarship application deadline is June 1, 2015 for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members who want to attend a state funded college or university in the Fall 2015 term. No late applications will be accepted. Applications can be taken to the Higher Education office at 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, or mailed to PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022. The application can be printed from our tribal website www.c-a-tribes.org. Click on programs then on Dept. of Education, then on Higher Education and the application is listed under 'application requirements'. There are five pages that need to be printed. For more information or assistance please call (405) 422-7653 or (405) 423-7646.

Bison Tacos
Cooking with USDA Foods

1 lb. ground bison
1/4 white onion
1-2 cloves garlic
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin (or more to taste)
1/2 - 1 teaspoon salt (or more to taste)

Begin browning the meat in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir occasionally to break up the meat.

While meat is cooking, grind the onion and garlic using a molcajete (or a blender or food processor, or just mince finely with a knife.

Grind the onion and garlic until it is a soft mush. Add that mixture, the cumin and the salt to the pan with the meat, and stir to combine.

4. Finish browning the meat, stirring occasionally. Taste; adjust cumin or salt if needed. Remove pan from heat.

5. Serve seasoned meat in tacos or on top of chalupas or nachos.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Memorial Dance for Mah-hi-vist Touching Cloud Goodblanket

May 16, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m., with dance to follow. Inviting everyone to come out and join the family.

We apologize for having to reschedule the orginal dance due to a death in the family. For more information contact Melissa Goodblanket at (580) 309-1336.

Graduation Dance for Skyler Warren Reyes

May 16, 2015 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with Gourd dance to follow. Special contest, Men's Fancy dance. For more information contact Kathy Reyes at (580) 819-2227.

Graduation Dance for Derek Foster Jr.

May 16, 2015 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. Painting ceremony will be done prior to the dance at noon. Gourd dancing begins at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with dance to follow. Inviting everyone to celebrate with the family. For more information contact Nell Whiteskunk Penn at (405) 881-4519 or Derek Foster Sr. at (405) 204-3694.

The Mary K. Ashbrook Kids Fishing Derby

May 16, 2015 at the El Reno Lake in El Reno, Okla.

7 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. weigh-in. Zebco rod and reels for the first 550 to sign in. Free hot dogs and drinks. Age groups are 13-15 years, 10-12 years, 7-9 years, 4-6 years and under 4 years old.

Graduation and Birthday Dance for Adam Youngbear

4 p.m., May 17, 2015 at the Canton Community Gym in Canton, Okla. Adam is the son of Terrill "Duke" and Hollie Youngbear. Grandson of Violat Hatch and the late Donald Hatch, and the late Blossom Youngbear and the late Clinton Youngbear.

Adam will be graduating for Southern Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology on May 9 and turning 24 on May 17. The family invites all to come celebrate with Adam. For more information call Hollie Youngbear at (580) 614-1577 or Regina Youngbear at (580) 791-0091.

Graduation & Outgoing Cheyenne Princess Honor Dance for Carmen "Pretty Horses" Sankey

May 17, 2015 at the Concho Powwow grounds (in case of rain Concho Community Center) in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., with Gourd dancing from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Carmen is graduating from Lawton MacArthur High School in Lawton, Okla. She is also the outgoing 2014/15 Cheyenne Princess and a Kit Fox Society sister. Special invitation to all Kit Fox Society members, chiefs, Kelsey Codynah, 2014 Comanche Sr. Princess, Jericah Littleman, 2014 Arapaho Princess, veterans and all princesses.

A2/C2 first annual High School Graduation Banquet

6:30 p.m., May 20, 2015 at Abuelo's Restaurant in Bricktown, Oklahoma City. Honoring 2015 high school graduates from the Kingfisher, Geary, Calument and El Reno areas. A2/C2 graduates in outlying areas must contact the A2 or C2 offices to register. Please RSVP by calling (405) 422-7440 or (405) 422-7480.

OIN Powwow Committee's Coronation Dance

May 23, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m., with Gourd dance to follow. Crowning 2015-2016 Royalty, Senior Miss, Cassandra Candy, Junior Miss, Santana Moquino and Little Miss, Bella Kodaseet.

Free Indian Landowners Workshop

6 p.m. - 9 p.m., May 26, 2015 at the Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Preparing for termination and allotment issues. For more information email cjames@c-a-tribes.org.

First annual Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Sports Banquet

6:30 p.m., May 28, 2015 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Inviting all tribal youth who were a member of their varsity sports team in grades 9-12. Each varsity athlete will be recognized for their accomplishments for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information or to register call (405) 422-7570 or email Reggie Island, risland@c-a-tribes.org.

Descendants of Chief Madbull Family Reunion

11 a.m. - 3 p.m., May 30, 2015 at the Canadian County Fairgrounds, 220 N. Country Club Drive in El Reno, Okla. Please bring a covered dish. For more information contact Margaret Sutton at (405) 886-1975 or Damon Dunbar at (580) 816-0463.

Memorial Dance Honoring Chief Denny George Old Crow

May 30, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dance begins at 12 p.m., Gourd dance, supper at 4 p.m., with dance to follow. No giveaways. Sponsored by the Old Crow family. This is a non-alcoholic event. For more information email cynthiaoldcrow@yahoo.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow Committee Benefit Dance

June 6, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance at 4 p.m., followed by supper at 6 p.m. Inviting everyone to attend the coronation of the 2015 Labor Day princesses.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday
Dee Ann Alexander
May 21
You are a wonderful, compassionate, adventurous and fun-loving sister. You are willing to help your family and friends whenever they are in need. You are a joy to be around and have a way of making people feel special by the way you treat them. May God bless your health and life.
Big brothers,
Bill and Bob

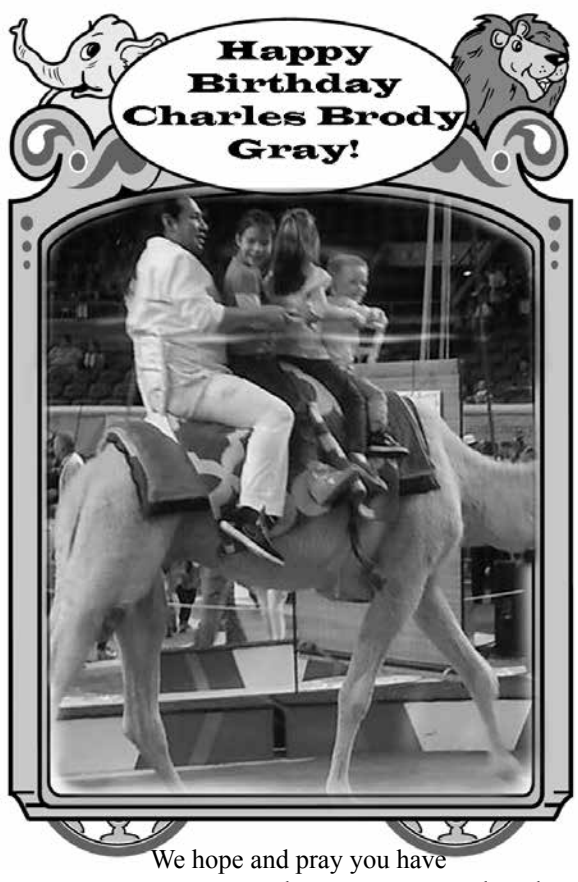
Happy 10th Birthday
"Sioux Woman"
Baylee Corean
We love you so much baby girl
Love mom, dad grandma & rest of the family

Happy Birthday Deborah Ellis
From Clifton, Francine, Rebekah, Jr., Elijah, Justin, Cordell, Jarell, Serenity and Penelope.
We love you and praise the Lord for every day we spend with you.

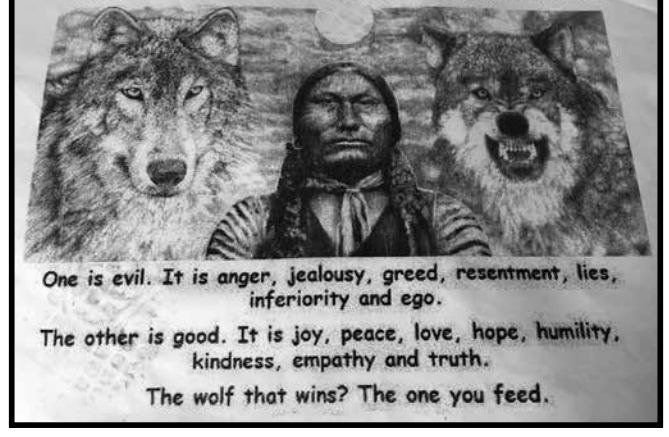
Happy 6th Birthday
Alexa Raine
May 21
Time sure does fly! Doesn't seem possible that you are 6 already.
We love you to the Moon and Back!
Love, Kassidii, Haleigh, mom & dad

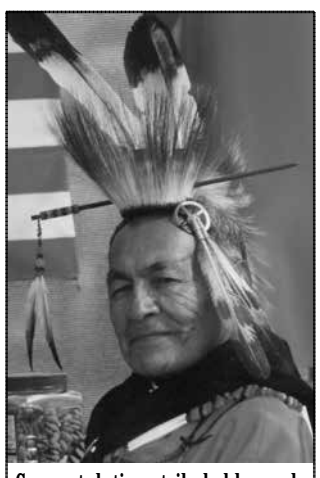
Happy 8th Birthday
Torence Malaina Fasthorse
May 31, 2015
Wishing you the best on this day,
Love you very much
Mom & Dad
Blaine, Brandy, Baylee
The rest of the family

Happy Mother's Day to Marlene Reyes and Happy Birthday to Yolanda Robb! I love you two ladies more than you will ever know and without you two, I would be lost. You are my mother and sister amongst other things such as: go-to guru, confidant, my calm in the storm, etc. I am so thankful to have you two in my life! I love you.
Love, Maria Reyes Farmer.



We hope and pray you have many, many more. We love you very much. Take care of your health and Isha. You are a big kid at heart.
Love ya, The Grays
Carmen (Mom), Jinxie (Cecil), Hauli, Glory, Charles, Isha, Lacey, Breanna, Baby RaeLynn, Emily and C.J.

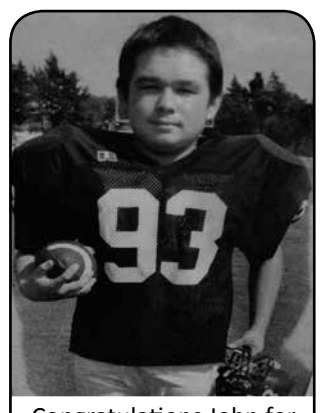

There Is A Battle Of Two Wolves Inside Us All
One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, lies, inferiority and ego.
The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth.
The wolf that wins? The one you feed.



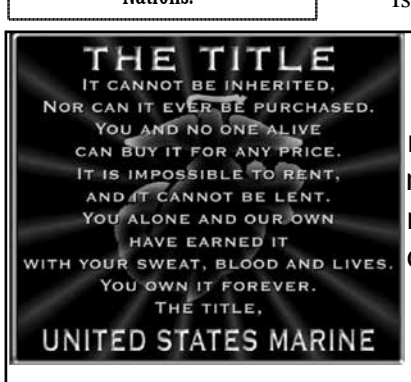
Congratulations tribal elder and veteran Barry Hamilton
Won 4th place in the Elder's Category at 2015 Gathering of Nations.

Happy Birthday Mikey!
May 13
Hope you have a wonderful day and may all your dreams come true.
We love you!
Love,
The Grays
Carmen (Mom), Jinxie, Hauli, Glory, Charles, Isha, Lacey, Breanna, Baby RaeLynn, Emily and C.J.

Congratulations Baylen Kyler Bullcoming
Lookeba-Sickles High School
Class.of 2015
From your parents, Angela Silago and Donald Bullcoming Jr.



Congratulations John for a job well done! In the future you will reap the good benefits of completing school. We cannot wait to see you graduate from Canadian Valley Vo-Tech and El Reno High School this month! We are all very proud of you and your accomplishments! Keep up the good work and continue in your education, we look forward to seeing you sky rocket!
Love, Mom, David, Taylor, Xavier, Degan, DaLanda, Auntie Ria, Grandma Marlene and Uncle Frank

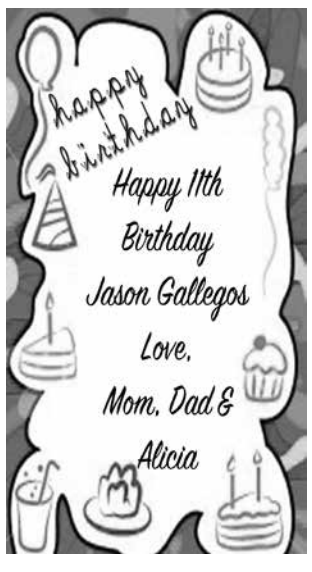

THE TITLE
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED,
NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.
YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE
CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT,
AND IT CANNOT BE LENT.
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN
HAVE EARNED IT
WITH YOUR SWEAT, BLOOD AND LIVES.
YOU OWN IT FOREVER.
THE TITLE,
UNITED STATES MARINE

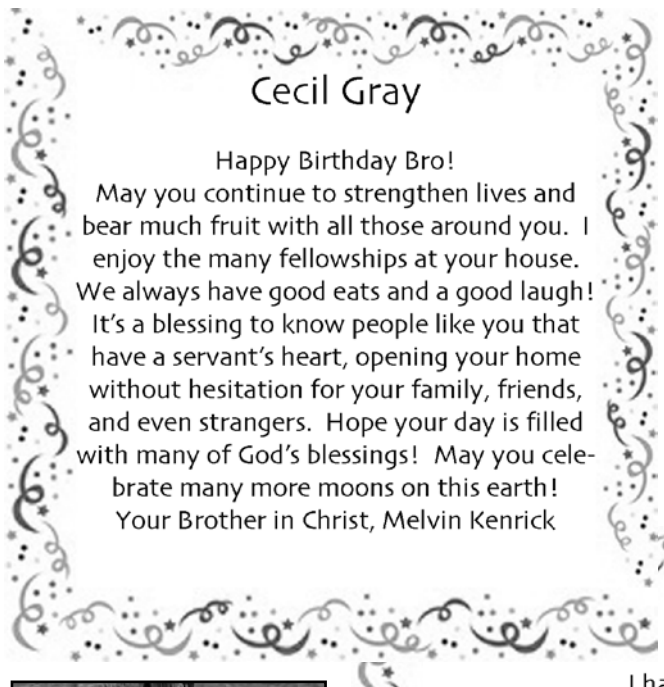
Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation to all, for the many wonderful words of encouragement, for the time taken and the many miles you've traveled to come to be by our brothers' side to offer prayers, and the beautiful, beautiful songs, for the food and support during our beloved brothers' illness and passing. His great sense of humor, his smile, and especially his heart of gold will truly be missed for there is none other like him. It is such a comfort that he knew the Lord, and to know he had touched so many lives in his own way. We are so proud to have had a wonderful loving brother, uncle, and grandpa, Just as he was as proud to be Cheyenne and a very proud US Marine.
The Rayburn Orange Family - "Semper Fi"

Congratulations on your high school graduation Elijah Ellis
From Clifton, Francine, Rebekah, Jr., Deborah, Justin, Cordell, Jarell, Serenity and Penelope.
We are so proud of you and we love you.

Lesa Chaney
May 8. 2015
Associates in General Studies from Carl Albert State College
Way to go Lesa 'BabyBoo' Chaney!
From your son, George 'BubbaBoo,' Chaney and hubby, Kenneth 'BoogerBoo' Chaney.

Congratulations Kami in all your accomplishments
Daughter of Carla Tisdale, Granddaughter of Reba and Carl Tisdale, great-granddaughter of Homer and Lorena Burgess Petsimore.
We love you and know you will succeed in everything you endeavor to do.





Cecil Gray

Happy Birthday Bro!
May you continue to strengthen lives and bear much fruit with all those around you. I enjoy the many fellowships at your house. We always have good eats and a good laugh! It's a blessing to know people like you that have a servant's heart, opening your home without hesitation for your family, friends, and even strangers. Hope your day is filled with many of God's blessings! May you celebrate many more moons on this earth!
Your Brother in Christ, Melvin Kenrick

Thank You!

The family of William Blackowl Sr. would like to extend a thank you for prayers, food and support during our loved one's journey.
Sincerely,
The family of Willie Blackowl Sr.

Congratulations Danny Charley!
Senior 2015 #21
We are very proud of you and we hope that you continue on your path for a brighter future.
Love, your mom, grandma and brothers.

Happy 1 year!
To Mr & Mrs Justin Lowe
May 14

Cecil Gray,

I have known you for three years now. Dignity, dedication and determination define your character of the man you are. The love you have for God and for your family is truly a blessing to see. There was a time that I had a problem with a coach that grabbed my son by his face mask. It bothered me. I called you and you gave me wisdom and God used you as a vessel. Not only to give me peace but you took time to talk to me and pray with me. It's an honor to be considered your friend, God Bless you Cecil!

Congratulations
Andrew Miles, we are so proud of you.
Love mom, Karen, dad, Melvin and your seven brothers
You kept the tradition going for all of us graduates of El Reno High School!

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email kwhitehorse@c-a-tribes.org.

Library Media Specialist
Dept. of Education
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Ability to organize, catalogue, display, distribute and produce instructional materials. Ability to select and provide access to a wide variety of materials which meet the needs of various learners. Knowledge and ability to teach information and technology literacy needed for independent learning. Ability to provide an environment conducive to quick accessibility, good study habits, and development of proficient media users. Knowledge and ability to work with technology. Ability to demonstrate effective interpersonal relationships with library/media users and tribal employees. Knowledge of copyright laws. Effective oral and written communication skills. Maintain professionalism and an environment conducive to learning. Must possess proficient computer knowledge and be proficient in Microsoft Office programs. Must possess a current OK driver's license, this includes having a clean driving record for insurance purposes. Ability to pass an OSBI background check and drug screening. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with this position. B.A.in one or more of the following fields of study, English, History, or Native American Studies, or working towards obtaining one of the required degrees. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Receptionist / Licensing Technician
Gaming Commission / Concho, OK
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High School Degree or Equivalent. Minimum two years of clerical/administrative experience. Computer literate. Familiar with practices/procedures of the gaming industry. Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality. Strong work ethic. Available to work evenings and weekends. Pass extensive background check. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

P/T Fitness Assistant
Willie Fletcher Wellness
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED certification required. Must have valid Oklahoma drivers license, own vehicle, and proof of insurance. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho culture. Must be willing to obtain CPR or First Responder Certification. Cheyenne-Arapaho Preference. Must be able to pass Pre-hire drug and alcohol Screening. Other duties as assigned.

SALARY: Negotiable

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day.

The offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8 a.m.

Admin. Assistant
District A-1 Office
Closing: May 15, 2015

Qualifications:

Minimum high school diploma or GED certification accepted. Ability to communicate and understand written and oral instructions, undertake various projects for the Arapaho 1 office. Must be able to communicate to various Tribal groups, Tribal Courts, and other entities, and understand Tribal Governmental procedures. Computer literate as well as basic office equipment knowledge preferred. Willing to work other than normal working hours, on weekends and holidays as required and needed. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Coordinator
Food Distribution
Closing: Unitl Filled

Qualifications:

Associate degree or 24 hours of college coursework, bachelor degree preferred. Minimum two years of supervisory experience. Possess valid state driver's license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B, if needed. Training and warehouse knowledge; familiar with warehouse and loading and unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Must be able to demonstrate ability/ knowledge of computer (Microsoft Office). Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and non-Indian individuals/households. Ability to prepare and administer federal grants and contracts. Strong organization, writing and communication skills. Tribal preference. Must pass pre-hire drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

Indian Child Welfare
Coordinator
Closing: Unitl Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Requires one year of experience in professional related experience. Knowledge and an understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends, holidays and after 5 p.m. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Must understand and strive to implement the program's goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Must have basic knowledge of early childhood education and child welfare casework and child abuse and neglect indicators, Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public, Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho /Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele. Must complete OKDHS Criminal History Review. Must complete Supplemental Application. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference

SALARY: Negotiable

Data Entry/File Clerk
PT-Roads Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Requires responsible individual able to work independently with little supervision and perform duties as assigned. Incumbent should be able to follow directions and communicate effectively both orally and in writing and should become familiar with the proper chain of command. Applicant should possess clerical skills, such as typing and ten-key, and should possess some knowledge in use of Microsoft Excel, Word, and some Access. Applicant may have to demonstrate knowledge in proper use of scanning and copier machines due to capacity and size of documents to be scanned and recorded. Data Entry/File Clerk requires an individual who has knowledge in database and records management. Certification of Completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/ program or Certification of Completion of Access Software; Minimum education requirements are either a high school diploma or GED certification. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference

SALARY: Negotiable

LOOKING FOR A ROOMMATE

To share rent & utilities in Southwest Oklahoma City. Only NON-drinkers need to apply. Call (405) 693-3519

Come to our Family Reunion!
The descendants of Chief Madbull are having a family reunion. Games, prizes, food and drinks, and socializing. (please bring covered dish)
Where: Canadian County Fair Grounds
220 N. Country Club Road
El Reno, OK 73036
Time: 11:00am to 3pm
Date: Saturday May 30, 2015
Contact: Margaret Sutton (405) 886-1975
Contact: Damon Dunbar (580) 816-0463
NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, AND NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFT OR ACCIDENTS

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA FILED MAY - 6 2015 IN THE TRIAL COURT
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OSCAR JOHN BIRDSHEAD, Petitioner,
vs.
SHELLY ROBIN YATES, Respondent,

Case No: CIV-2015-0010

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **SHELLY ROBIN YATES**

You are hereby notified that OSCAR JOHN BIRDSHEAD has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, B.B and O.J.B. minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of MAY, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 6th day of MAY, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Oscar John Birdshead Sr.
408 Kimberly Dr.
Elk City, OK 73644

OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
Indian Wills Clinic

Attorneys from Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will provide free will preparation services for eligible tribal members who own interest in Indian Trust/Restr. Land from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, Rollin Haag Native American Church Building in Concho, Okla.

Please call Norma to register at (800) 658-1497. **You must have an appointment to talk to an attorney.**

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm funded principally by the Legal Services Corp.

For additional information regarding other legal services, please call Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. at (800) 658-1497.

In Loving & Fond Memories

Henrietta V. Ellis
Aug. 15, 1931
April 26, 2015

Wake services were held for Henrietta V. Ellis on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the Sac & Fox Traditional Building in Stroud, Okla.

Funeral services were held April 29 also at the Sac & Fox Traditional Building, followed by an Interment at the Sac & Fox Cemetery in Stroud, Okla.

Travis Vaughn Hawk
Feb. 19, 1978
May 4, 2015

Wake services were held for Travis Vaugh Hawk on Thursday, May 7 at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Clinton, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 8 also at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home Chapel, followed by an Interment at the Clinton City Cemetery in Clinton, Okla.

Crawford Sankey
May 30, 1975
April 26, 2015

A Traditional Wake service were held for Crawford Sankey on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 in the Sankey family home in Lame Deer, MT.

Funeral services were held May 1 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer, followed by an Interment at the Sankey Family Cemetery also in Lame Deer, MT.

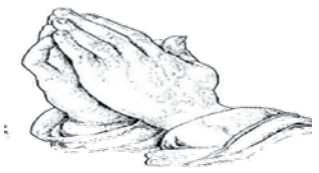
Annette Lois White Tail
April 26, 1960
April 29, 2015

Wake services were held for Annette Lois White Tail on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Bethany Brethren in Christ Church in Thomas, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 2, also at the Bethany Brethren in Christ Church, followed by an Interment at the t. Valley Cemeter in Thomas, Okla.

Deborah Dawn Wraspir
June 17, 1960
April 23, 2015

Funeral services were held for Deborah DawnWraspir on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the Fkirst Christian Church in Clinton, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Clinton City Cemetery, also in Clinton, Okla.



Smith River Rancheria provides housing opportunities in Curry County, Oregon

(Brookings, OR)-Smith River Rancheria conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Chit-xu Mee-ne' housing complex. Chit-xu Mee-ne' or "Chetco Homes" in the Tolowa language, is located in Brookings, Oregon. Kara Brundin-Miller, Smith River Rancheria Tribal Chairperson, emceed the event. Brundin-Miller welcomed visitors and recognized Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council members that were present. She explained that the apartments were constructed using local contractors and Smith River Rancheria Housing construction employees. Brundin-Miller stated that the apartments provide needed housing opportunities for Tribal Members in Curry County, Oregon. She emphasized how proud the Smith River Rancheria is to have utilized local people for contractors and vendors, supporting our community and working together with the City of Brookings and Curry County for the start of good relationship. According to Brundin-Miller, "What we're most proud of is that the workforce was our tribal staff."

The housing complex features thirteen, two and three bedroom units, as well as a Community Center/offices. Each apartment features a washer, dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, hardwood laminate flooring, carpeted bedrooms, duct-less heating/air conditioning units and 9' high ceilings. Chit-xu Mee-ne' offers covered parking for tenants and rent includes water, sewer and garbage utility fees. The six downstairs units are all ADA compliant designed for elders and those with mobility issues.

For more information, please contact Smith River Rancheria Housing Dept. at (707) 487-9255, extension 1140.

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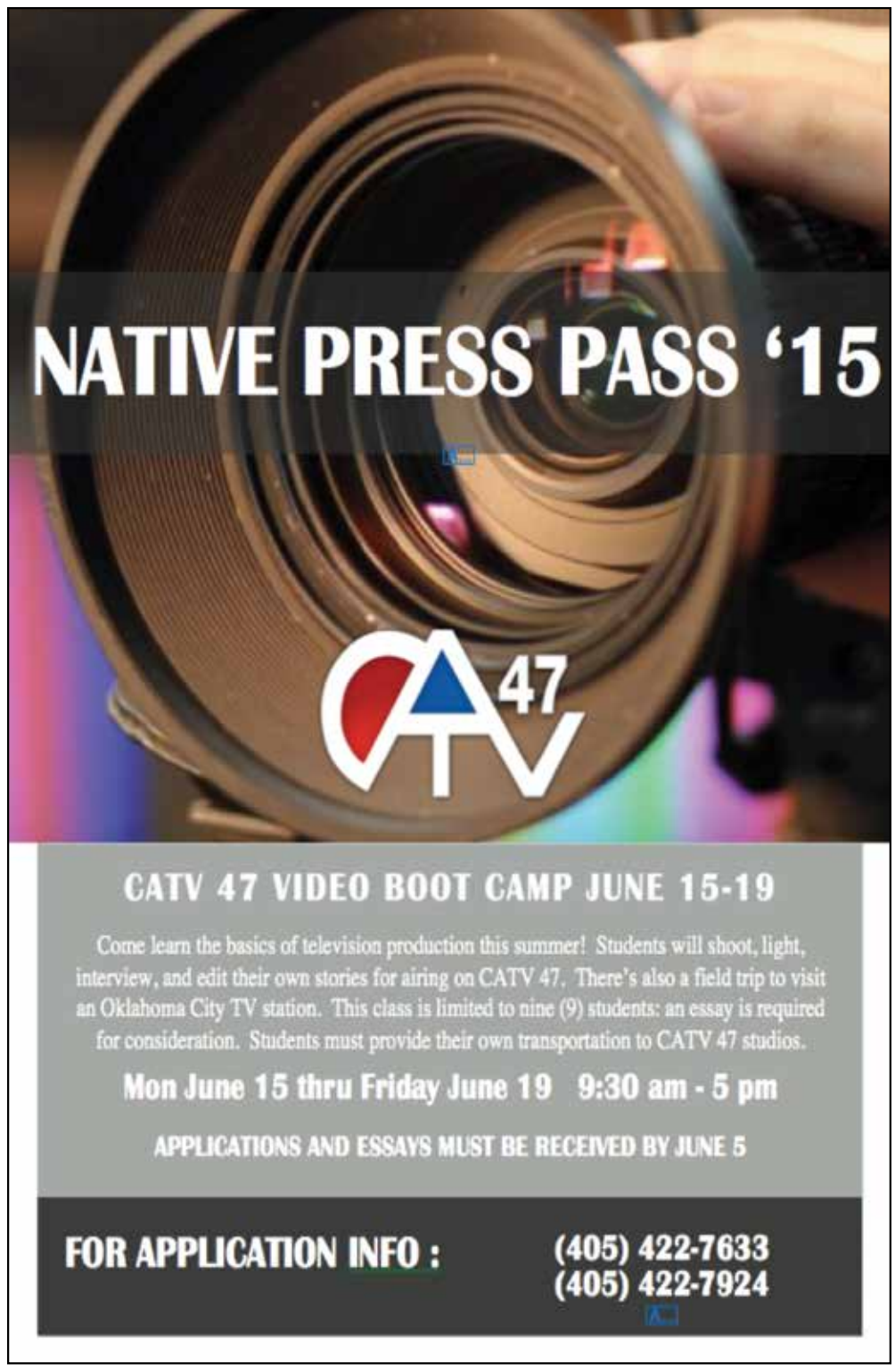
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